

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
October 15, 2025

Attendance: 19 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 (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 (E)	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 Deputy Herman Stewart

Previous Month Minutes: The September Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message: No report.

Grand Knight Report

- ACTS Retreat to be held 10/16 – 10/19
- Fall Festival was a success.:
 - \$866 donated to the church from sales of food and beverages
 - 22 young parishioners participated in the Soccer Challenge.
 - Thanks all who assisted at the festival.
- On Monday, 10/27, please join in on the Fraternal Benefits Webinar: "Maximizing your Living Benefits" starting at 8PM. You should have received an email on this earlier this month. Here is the link: kofo.org/livingbenefitsFBE
- We will hold our October social meeting on Wednesday, 10/29 at 5:30 At Buffalo Wild Wings in Columbia (across from Target ij Columbia Crossing shopping area)
- On Thursday, 10/30, we will be presenting rosaries to the confirmandi (those receiving Confirmation) at 6:30. Please show up a few minutes before and it should take about 15 minutes.
- We will need to move the officers meeting in November to the 2nd week as the Parish Bazaar will be in final preparation.
- The annual Memorial Mass with be held on Friday, 11/14 at St Louis Stone Chapel. Two of our members passed away this past year: our councils first Grand Knight, Mark Warner, and Brother Wayne Cope.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive has started. Check the bulletin for what items are needed. On 11/21, we will be loading up the truck and deliver to Baltimore in the evening. Please volunteer to assist on that day.
- *****Important:** Due to activities at the church the third week of November, our members meeting will be held on Thursday, 11/20/2025 instead of Wednesday.

Treasurer Report:

- \$5,785.79 in checking account as of 10/15/25, includes dues, sweepstakes and \$500 received from Supreme for Food for Families (last Thanksgiving Drive).

Seminarian Report: None

Membership Report:

- We may have one new member, Chris Yates, a long-time parishioner.
- Still pending new member, Elliott Davila.

Program Reports:

- Brother Walt Majorowicz is spearheading the Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition. A workshop will be held on Saturday, 11/22 from 10-12 with assistance from the parish youth director.
- Looking for several volunteers for the Exemplification in November

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!"

- District 21 failed to achieve its goal to recruit 10 new members by Sep 25th ; therefore, I'm asking the Grand Knights to redouble their recruitment efforts and be laser focused on innovative ways to recruit. Recruitment opportunities at parish: new parishioners' welcome meetings, OCIA, Bingo, program events, etc. Also, each Council will provide the DD their parish monthly parishioner welcoming schedule NLT 10/17/25.
- Other Activities:
 - Columbus Day Ball: October 11, 2025, at Columbus Garden. Continue to sell Sweepstakes. This is a good fundraiser for the Councils and directly funds the State Scholarship programs. The drawing will take place during the Columbus Day Ball.
 - Columbus Day is coming soon, Monday, October 13 th ..how is your council celebrating?
- The district-wide Ultrasound initiative status currently sits at Step 3:
 - 1. The district has gotten CPC to fill out the initial paperwork they needed to begin approval.
 - 2. The district has the Baltimore Diocese Office of Life to sign the paperwork and certify CPC work qualifies for the Ultrasound program.
 - 3. The district has sent that paperwork to Supreme (copying State Ultrasound Chairman) for initial Supreme approval.
 - 4. Supreme will then send a letter of acceptability to the State office.
 - 5. CPC will then need to pick their machine.
 - 6. The State then sends the final ultrasound application to Supreme.
 - 7. Supreme sends their matching money to the State to join with our money to present to CPC.
 - 8. CPC then purchases the machine using the funds provided.
- November is all about Memorial Masses. Please ensure you notify Memorial Mass Chairman, Mike Dunn, by 10/31/25, via email (rethgmpd@gmail.com) if you will be attending the Mass and reception. Also, and equally important, prepare a list of those brother Knights, wives of brother Knights, or Ladies Auxiliary members of your council who died between October 15, 2024, and October 14, 2025, ONLY that we may

remember and honor their memory at our Memorial Mass. Submit your necrology online at <https://forms.gle/nKpVxCsw1R1FP3BP8> or email your list of names to Chairman Mike Dunn at the email address listed above no later than Friday October 31, 2025.

- The candidates for State Warden are as follows: Larry Perkins and Alan Pultyniewicz.
- 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/>
- Little Sisters of the Poor Collections: Next drop-off for the district is set for Saturday, October 18 th , 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, October 19. 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), website, and Supreme Fraternal Mission and Knightline for timely and important 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.

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

Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) Report

- None

Warden Report

- None

Lecturer’s Reflection:

PGK Bob Burnett gave a brief talk on St Teresa of Avila (or St Teresa of Jesus). With assistance from Wikipedia:

She was a Carmelite nun and prominent Spanish mystic and religious reformer. Active during the Counter-Reformation, Teresa became the central figure of a movement of spiritual and monastic renewal, reforming the Carmelite Orders of both women and men. The movement was later joined by the younger Carmelite friar and mystic Saint John of the Cross, with whom she established the Discalced Carmelites. A formal papal decree adopting the split from the old order was issued in 1580.

Her autobiography, The Life of Teresa of Jesus, and her books The Interior Castle and The Way of Perfection are prominent works on Christian mysticism and Christian meditation practice. In her autobiography, written as a defense of her ecstatic mystical experiences, she discerns four stages in the ascent of the soul to God: mental prayer and meditation; the prayer of quiet; absorption-in-God; ecstatic consciousness. The Interior Castle, written as a spiritual guide for

her Carmelite sisters, uses the illustration of seven mansions within the castle of the soul to describe the different states one's soul can be in during life.

Forty years after her death, in 1622, Teresa was canonized by Pope Gregory XV. Pope Paul VI proclaimed Teresa the first female Doctor of the Church in recognition of her centuries-long spiritual legacy to Catholicism on 9/27/70

Sick and Deceased:

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

- Our Charter Grand Knight, Michael Warner passed away on Tuesday, 9/30/25.
- Our Worthy Lecturer Pat Clark fell and hurt his hand this week.