

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
August 21, 2024

Attendance: 12 members present, plus 1 guests

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 (P)
Recorder:	Phil Rose (E)	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 Deputy Herman Stewart

Previous Month Minutes - The July Meeting Minutes were approved,

Chaplain's Message

Grand Knight Report

- Several members volunteered to help at the MaryLands Farm with our District Councils. Our support helped to raise \$200 for new ultrasound machine
- Lazarus Caucus Golf Tournament – Sept. 26
- Men of Virtue –GK took responsibility for the event and with Frank Arlinghouse conducted the program on Saturday August 10. Fr. DeAscanis was there at the start, but he left to go to the Parish Council yearly planning meeting at St. Francis.
- August 31, Navy vs Bucknell game sponsored by KofC
- The first Benefits Seminar will be held on Sept 10 at 7:30 via Zoom. See emails from our Benefits Advisor Sean Fitzpatrick. Seminar will be a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future.
- October 12 will be the Columbus Day Ball
- Social Meeting this month will be held at Grenne Turtle in Burtonsville at 6PM on 8/28.
- State Sweepstakes tickets have prepared and distributed to Council members.
- Fr. Daniel will be our chaplain for our council replacing Fr. LuKong. He should be added to our e-mail list.
- Official visit with our new District Deputy Herman Stewart on 8/21/24
- Assembly installation was on 7/27/24

Treasurer Report:

Council received a check for \$200 for work done by a few fellow knights around the home of a widow of one of our charter members. Thank you Bob, Charlie & Eric.

Seminarian Report:

Membership Report

- Council will conduct Membership Drive at two-day Church Bazaar.

Financial Secretary Report:

Program Reports: No reports

- Community:
 - SFA fall festival on Oct. 6. Knights will cook
 - Our council will also organize the Soccer Challenge
- Faith:
 - Tailgate & Rosary on Oct 4 at St. Louis at 4PM
 - 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 Bottle Collection in September

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!"
- The need to grow our councils and the Order is urgent. Many parishes are struggling to fill the pews, and the general tone of life in America needs improvement. Invite a Catholic man to become a Knight of Columbus. This brings him into an environment where he's united with like-minded men and families and is better able to publicly demonstrate the creative courage the Supreme Knight calls us to live.
- August 13th is the Feast of Blessed Michael McGivney – how will your council highlight and celebrate this?
- Program seminars – plan now for council leaders to carpool to Program & Membership Growth Seminar
 - Monday, August 12 (St. Katherine Drexel Council
- Simple guidelines to follow for ALL Reports
 - NEVER send a copy to the State Deputy unless he personally asks.
 - Always send a copy to reports@kofc-md.org.
 - Always send a copy to the DD.
 - If it's not an online form you will have to manually send to Supreme, but online reports are sent automatically.
 - For Audits, copy State Treasurer Ron Hassan -- Ronaldh246@verizon.net
 - For Convention Credentials, please copy State Advocate Tom Greul -- tomgreul7612@gmail.com
- **REMINDER:** Get active immediately to make it successful for your members, their families, the council, and your parish. 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.
- **Faith In Action:** The first reporting period started on March 1st and runs through August 31st. Please ensure your councils submit all of their first period FIA reports by 8/31. Remember, best practice is that reports are submitted the day of or the day after the program is held.

- **District Focus Areas:** Audits (Aug 15th), Complete remaining Council Installations by Aug 31st, DD Official Visits before August 31st, Quarterly District Meetings, FIA Programs, Exemplifications, Fraternal Benefit Nights, and Delta Church Drives (Oct/Mar), send dates to the DD.
- **Little Sisters of the Poor Collections:** Next drop-off for the District is set for Saturday, August 17th, 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, August 18th. KofC has done a wonderful job of supplying the LSOP, great work!
- Please refer to the 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.
- **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

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

Good of the Order – No report