

Knights of Columbus- Council #12524

February 19, 2025

Attendance: 16 members present, plus 1 guest

List of Officers (P=present, E=excused)

Chaplain:	Father Daniel (E)		
Grand Knight:	Tony Gigioli (P)	Warden:	Greg Nolen (P)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Dennis Schrader (P)	Inside Guard:	John Gerwing (E)
Chancellor:	Vacant	Outside Guard:	Colin Albough (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 (E)	1 Year Trustee:	Sam Adamczyk (E)

Guest:

1. District Deputy

Previous Meeting Minutes: The January Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message:

- No report

Grand Knight Report:

- 3 new members joined the Council at the Exemplification conducted at St. Francis on Saturday, February 15. Ming Chan, Michael Felser, and Walter Majerowicz.
- Luis Barker joined online, will try to have him formally join at the Exemplification hosted by St Luis council #11898 on March 10
- Scott Buttrick (Pastorate Director of Operations) has transferred into our Council from the Silver Spring council.
- Sacred Heart Icon- asked to have icon to display at masses on weekend of April 12-13, will pick up from Council #13294, Tony will drop off at St. Louis Council after 11 am mass on April 13 (Palm Sunday)
- Best of the Best State Council Awards will be given out at the State Convention in May, submissions are due by March 7
- Food for Families – deadline to submit for reimbursement is June 30
- St Alphonsus Rodriguez is hosting a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser on March 15, cost is \$60 per adult and \$30 per family.
- State Free Throw competition is on March 22 at St. Vincent St. Pallotti High School in Laurel, need a district event. Council #9638 is hosting an event
- Social meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at Dive Bar in Savage Mill.
- Mardi Gras Pancake Supper is on Tuesday, March 4 from 5-7, will need Knights to help with preparations and event itself, Greg will send out Signup Genius.
- Ash Wednesday is March 5, Planning meeting for March will be moved to March 6 at 7 pm.
- March Business meeting is on March 19 at 7 pm.
- March Social Meeting will be March 26, location TBD.
- Catholic Young Men's Fellowship Conference is on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 am- 3 pm at St. Joseph's in Fullerton, MD.

#### Financial Report:

- (Given by Treasurer) \$7,282.87 in bank.
- Payments coming up: Per capita, insurance.

#### Membership Report:

- Membership Director, Sam Adamczyk was excused.
- Briefly introduced new members from 2/15 Exemplification (Ming, Mike, Walter).
- Collin is assisting Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Dennis with new member engagement.

#### Program Reports:

- Family Director Caleb has been working with Sophia Sage (Parish Coordinator) on re-starting the Family of the Month/Quarter program.
- Caleb also discussed proposal to organize Family Prayer evenings with a featured family. Mentioned that Father Descanis does not want to be seen as emphasizing one family over another.
- Worthy DGK Dennis discussed Bazaar planning moving from a Council activity to a Parish activity that the Knights support.

#### 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!”

- Our world *needs* more Knights! I challenge every member to invite 2 Catholic men to become Knights each month. Not all will immediately sign-up, but if we all ask, we’ll get new Knights.
- I encourage Councils to leverage the **Shining Armor** and **Silver Knight Awards** as incentives for new members to help with recruitment and to recognize every member who qualifies for these awards. The State Council Q3 incentive is that every council that hits its Star membership goal by March 31 is in the running to win one of three \$500 awards!
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon tentative district schedule is 31 Mar-13 Apr. Final schedule will be released once all materials have arrive at State; however, inform DD/DW of your recommended date(s).
- The district-wide Bingo is scheduled for July 25, 2025 at Resurrection Church. We will start the planning discussions (ticket sells, raffle buckets, food, solicitation, announcements, posters, etc.) at the next meeting.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FIA reports due NLT March 7<sup>th</sup>, covering the reporting period December 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Get them in early to avoid competing deadlines with other activities.
- State Council Program Awards: each Council should submit their best Faith, Family, Community, and Life Program from the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd reporting period. The form can be found at the following link: [https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state\\_serviceaward\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf). Include up to five (5) pages and photos/documentation. Save as one PDF file or send attachment(s) with report form via email. Winners announced at State Convention. Send to [apulty@yahoo.com](mailto:apulty@yahoo.com) NLT the due date of March 7, 2025.
- State Free Throw competition, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. Vincent Pallotti High School, 113 St. Mary’s Place in Laurel.
- GKs/DGKs to attend the State Convention, GK Olympics and Banquet. Registration is open.
- Encourage councils to fill out and continually update the Colombian Award Application (SP- 7) to avoid end of year issues. Each program is 1 credit; Featured Programs are 2 credits. Councils need 4 credits in each category: Faith, Family, Community, and Life

- **Little Sisters of the Poor Collections:** Next drop-off for the district is set for Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00 Noon at the Shrine of St. Anthony (St. Louis#11898 host). Collections accepted at St. Louis Church from 8:30-11:00am on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. KofC has done a wonderful job supplying and supporting LSOP....great work!!
- Please refer to the January 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](mailto:michael4hand@yahoo.com). Send pics from your any activities previously conducted to highlight the goodness your Council is doing.

#### Financial Secretary Report:

- Request for reimbursement (Sam Adamczyk for Scott’s dinner)

#### Unfinished Business:

- None

#### New Business:

- Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Dennis discussed nominating committee formed to nominate slate of officers for 2025-2026 fraternal year. Committee members: Worthy Trustees and Worthy Deputy Grand Knight).
- Voted in new online member Louis Barker

#### Grand Knight Summary

- Good to see everyone.

#### Lecturer’s Reflection

- Worthy Lecturer Pat gave a reflection on St Louis Marie de Montfort and his devotion to Mary.

#### Sick and Deceased- let us keep all those in need in our prayers, including:

- Gregory McClain, Worthy State Family Director, Color Corps for the Fourth Degree, recently passed away unexpectedly.
- Peggy Miley (Tony Gigioli’s Sister), diagnosed with liver cancer

#### Good of the Order:

None