

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
April 23, 2025

Attendance: 16 members present, plus 1 guest
List of Officers: (P=Present, E=Excused)

Chaplain:	Father Daniel (E)		
Grand Knight:	Tony Giglioli (P)	Warden:	Greg Nolen (P)
Dep. Grand Knight:	Dennis Schrader (P)	Inside Guard:	vacant
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:

1. Herman Stewart, District Deputy

Previous Month Minutes - The March Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message

- No report

Grand Knight Report

- The St. Louis Council is hosting a bingo on 4/25 to prepare for the district-wide bingo in July. Please attend if you are able, as the St. Louis Knights will give a tour and overview of the process. The event begins at 6:00 pm, and the first game is at 7:00 pm. This provides an opportunity to become familiar with the process in anticipation of helping at the 7/26 bingo at Resurrection Church.
- We will distribute rosaries to the first communicants on 4/30 at 6:00 pm. We need a few knights to attend. DGK will lead the distribution.
- The April Social Meeting will be on 4/30 at 6:30 pm. We need a location.
- The State Convention will be 5/2 through 5/4. GK and DGK are attending. (GK will be out of town between 5/6 through 5/12.)
- The May Officers' Planning Meeting is being moved to Thursday, 5/8 in St. John's Hall. DGK will lead that meeting.
- The May Business Meeting will be on 5/21, and the Social Meeting will be on 5/28.
- The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on 5/18 at 11:00 am. GK has spoken with Louisa Pauline (sp?) about our needs. We will need publicity and the submission of biographies and pictures by the students graduating from high school and college. There will be a reception with cake and punch. We will need 3-4 Knights for set-up.
- There will be a joint mass on 5/9 with St. Louis Council. The mass is at St. Francis at 6:00 pm. Father DeAscanis is planning a votive mass for Father McGivney.

Treasurer Report:

- \$6,913.58 in checking account as of 4/23. We should receive \$400 or \$500 from the Foods for Families program.

Seminarian Report:

- No report

Membership Report

- There are no specific updates. Check out kofc.org/join when signing someone up online..

Financial Secretary Report:

- No report

Program Reports:

- Mike Felzer has volunteered to lead the Road Clean-up program. He has submitted a note to the state highway administration about fixing the sign. The next clean-up date is 5/3. Clean-up will start at 9:00 am and will last about two hours. (This includes some clean-up around the church grounds.)
- Ogbo Oradubanya is leading the Souls for Soles program. Boxes will be placed out front for collection this weekend and next.
- Caleb Feng is planning a Tailgate Event to occur after an 11:00 am mass in the fall. It is unclear whether this is a KOC event or a parish event. But Caleb can consult with St. Louis Council on their past experiences.
- We are looking for the next family of the month (quarter). Charlie Blandford and family were recognized for the prior month.
- Almost all program reports are now available on the council website. Thanks Sam Adamczyk. The program plan is now available on the council website, and DGK is developing the 2025/2026 program plan.
- The Feast of Corpus Christi is June 24. Sophia Sage (Volunteer Coordinator) is unsure whether there will be a procession because of construction expected at St. Louis.

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 continue to 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.
 - Don’t restrict yourselves to the Delta Church Drive during Masses. Incorporate this Delta approach to your Faith In Action activities and other council/parish events.

A few points to emphasize:

- Register now for the MD State Convention. DD, DW, GKs and DGKs or Councils designated representatives attend and participate in the GK Olympics and attend the banquet – come join in at a district table.
- Start now with planning and setting next year fraternal calendar, i.e. establish 2025 Officers Installation and Exemplification dates, have program directors set dates for individual activities, place on your personal calendar the DD’s monthly meeting (1st Tues each month), etc.
- Statewide Family Picnic on May 17 th at Seneca Creek State Park 11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

- State Camping Trip June 27-29 at Homestead Campground
- I continue to encourage Councils to leverage the Shining Armor and Silver Knight Awards as incentives for new members to recruit and to recognize every member who qualifies for these awards.
- Councils will submit their Colombian Award Application (SP- 7) between May 1-15. Grand Knight will acknowledge during the business meeting if they foresee not meeting this suspense.
- Council elections are to be held May 1 st through June 15 th . Current leaders should inform incoming GK and DGK about attending the MD State Council Leadership Seminar June 13-14 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 826 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035
- District-wide bingo planning will begin at the May monthly DD Zoom meeting. Bingo scheduled for July 25 th at Resurrection church.
- Little Sisters of the Poor Collections Next drop-off for the district is set for Saturday, April 19 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, April 20 . 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), 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, Send pics from activities previously conducted. Highlight the goodness your Council is doing.

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

Unfinished Business

- No report

New Business

- Nominations for the next Role of Officers were read for the 2nd time:
 - Grand Knight – Tony Gigioli
 - Deputy Grand Knight: Dennis Shrader
 - Chancellor: Ian Cartagena
 - Warden: Jim Codespote
 - Advocate: Jack Evans
 - Treasurer: Bob Burnett
 - Recorder: Phil Rose
 - Lecturer: Pat Clark
 - Inside Guard: Mike Felzer
 - Outside Guard: Walt Majerowicz
- Delegates to the state convention: GK and DGK. We will need to elect delegates for 2026.

Sick and Deceased - Let us keep all those in need in our prayers, including Pope Francis.:

Good of the Order

St. Rita of Cascia (in Italy). Feast day is celebrated on 5/22. She lived between 1381 and 1457. She is the patron saint of impossible causes and hopeless circumstances.