

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
November 20, 2025

Attendance: 18 members present

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 (P)	Inside Guard:	Walt Majerowicz (P)
Chancellor:	Ian Cartegena (E)	Outside Guard:	Mike Felzer (E)
Recorder:	Phil Rose (P)	Lecturer:	Pat Clark (P)
Financial Secretary:	Eric Paul (P)	3 Year Trustee:	Richard Tucci (E)
Treasurer:	Bob Burnett (P)	2 Year Trustee:	Chuck Gait (E)
Advocate:	Jack Evans (E)	1 Year Trustee:	Sam Adamczyk (P)

Guest: No guests

Previous Month Minutes: The October Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message: No report.

Grand Knight Report

- No social meeting this month. The Exemplification we had on Monday, November 10 took its place.
- 1 new member at the Exemplification: Chris Yates, 42 years old.
- On Friday, 11/21, at 5:30PM, help will be needed to move Thanksgiving Drive can goods from the back storage area at St Francis to St. Benedicts pantry in Baltimore. A trailer is being provided by Les Evans. Easy loading and unloading this time.
- On Saturday morning, 11/22 from 10-12, we will sponsor the Keep Christ in Christmas Workshop in Room 106. Special thanks go to Brother Walt Majerowicz for all his efforts on this project.
- In December:
 - Planning Meeting on 12/3 at 7PM
 - Wreaths Across America on Saturday, 12/13 at Baltimore National Cemetery on Frederick Road in Catonsville. Let the Grand Knight know if you are going to attend.
 - On Saturday, 12/13, we will also have our annual Christmas Party after the 5PM Mass. This will also be the social meeting for December. (Note: FinSec Eric Paul will have our 2026 dues letter ready)
 - 12/17 will be the membership meeting

Treasurer Report:

- \$6,635.79 as of 11/20. Expecting some money from Supreme.

Seminarian Report: None

Membership Report:

- We have one new member, Chris Yates, a long-time parishioner.
- Handed out a lot of membership info at the parish Christmas Bazaar.
- Terry Waters, Maryland State Growth Director sent out three creative messages themed around "A Knight Before Christmas." We plan on placing one of these jpegs in our

parish bulletins and flocknotes to reach out to Catholic men and their families in our parish.

- It would be great if EVERY Knight in our council ask just 1 new member, friend, or acquaintance to join our Team. We need good men! This is a Team Sport!! And many Catholic men are just waiting for an offer to become a brother "Knight Before Christmas!" Thanks!

Program Reports:

- On 12/28 will be the Holy Innocents Mass, in remembrance of miscarried, aborted, and victims of early death. This remembrance will be observed at the 5pm Mass at St. Francis. Prior to the Mass, there will be a basket available in which attendees can place names of holy innocents to be remembered.
- On 1/23/26, March for Life in DC, starting with Mass at St Francis at 9am. Busses will leave at 10am, \$20/person, \$50/family

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!"

- The big focus of November should be the Memorial Masses (3 – council, chapter, state)
 - The DDs will read the necrology at 3:00pm on Nov 9th at the State Memorial Mass.
 - Invite and escort widows/families of the deceased to all Memorial Masses
 - Each council should identify an individual or team that will make monthly contact with every widow/widower. Offer a friendly greeting, find out how they're doing and what the Knights should/can do to help them?
- Each Council recruits at a minimum 2 new Knights by Nov 28th. Recruitment opportunities at parish new parishioners' welcome meetings, OCIA, Bingo, program events, etc. Our State Deputy has extended the Fast Start Incentive program into November! If a council achieves its annual membership goal or welcomes 5 new members during November, the council will be awarded \$100 cash.
- The next DD meeting will take place in person on Dec 9th at DD home or a local restaurant (DD treat). If GK is not available, GK can send one designated rep. Star Council awards will be distributed.
- Keep Christ in Christmas Contest: 1st Place winning posters due to State Chairman Tim Fitzmaurice: 1593 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD 21114 by December 23. Please advise your Council Keep Christ in Christmas chairman that 11 x 17 posters are acceptable. State winners announced at Mid-Term Meeting on Saturday, January 10.
- Scholarship Applications – The window to apply for the Maryland State Council scholarships is now open until to March 1, 2026 via this link: <https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>
- FIA requirements are to be reported monthly, after each activity is complete, not one big batch at the end of the quarter. 2nd Period (Sep-Nov 2025) – DUE 15 Dec
- Councils are encouraged to fill out and continually update the Colombian Award Application (SP- 7) to avoid end of year issues.
- Little Sisters of the Poor Collections

- Next drop-off for the district is set for Saturday, November 15th, 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, November 16th. 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 of your Council in action and much more!

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:

Brother at Clark gave a brief talk on St Lawrence, a 3rd-century Roman deacon martyred under Emperor Valerian, famously roasted on a gridiron after he distributed the church's treasures to the poor and presented them as the church's true riches. He is the patron saint of cooks, comedians, and the poor, and his feast day is August 10th.

Sick and Deceased:

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

- Bob Bulk’s brother in law Frank Koblewski, who recently became very ill.
- Deacon Bob Smith, recovering from heart surgery.
- Kathy Faber, parishioner, seriously injured her ankle
- Mike Sindal’s wife Elisa is recovering from knee surgery she had in late October