

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524  
November 20, 2024

Attendance: 17 members present, plus 3 guests

List of Officers: (P=Present, E=Excused)

<b>Chaplain:</b>	Father Daniel (E)		
<b>Grand Knight:</b>	Tony Gigioli (P)	<b>Warden:</b>	Greg Nolen (P)
<b>Dep. Grand Knight:</b>	Dennis Schrader (P)	<b>Inside Guard:</b>	John Gerwig (E)
<b>Chancellor:</b>	vacant	<b>Outside Guard:</b>	Colin Albaugh (E)
<b>Recorder:</b>	Phil Rose (P)	<b>Lecturer:</b>	Pat Clark (P)
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Eric Paul (P)	<b>3 Year Trustee:</b>	Richard Tucci (P)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bob Burnett (E)	<b>2 Year Trustee:</b>	Chuck Gait (P)
<b>Advocate:</b>	Jack Evans (P)	<b>1 Year Trustee:</b>	Sam Adamczyk (P)

**Guest:**

1. IPSD Christopher Powers
2. District Deputy – Herman Stewart
3. PDD – Frank Attard

**Previous Month Minutes** - The October Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Special Event:**

- The Immediate Past State Deputy Christopher Powers made an appearance at our business meeting to present the Star Council Award to the St. Francis of Assisi Council #12524 for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, and an award to our Past District Deputy Frank Attard for having all 4 of his councils getting the Star Council Award. Congratulations to both our GK Tony Gigioli and Frank Attard.

**Chaplain’s Message**

- No report

**Grand Knight Report**

- GK attended the DD Meeting at St Anthony’s on 11/12.
  - Exemplification on 12/9 at St Louis.
  - Exemplifications at St Francis scheduled for February and June.
  - Membership, 1 new member/quarter.
- Keep Christ in Christmas posters due by 12/23
- Faith activity, attended a rosary event at the Hillcrest Abortion Clinic
- Received the Soccer Shootout and Fall Festival reports. Just need to get the Life Activity: Baby Bottle Campaign for this quarter to be complete.
- If anyone wants to nominate someone for Fire Fighter, EMT or Teacher of the Year awards, now is the time to send them in.
- We will be subsidizing the parish calendars once again. Council will pay for freight, but looking for donations to help pay for the cost of the calendars.....\$552.
- December Planning meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Business meeting will be on 12/18, immediately followed by the Christmas Party. SignUp Genius will be set up for volunteers to bring items.

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Treasurer on cruise this week.

### **Seminarian Report:**

### **Membership Report**

- Membership Drive was held at the bazaar. Talked to numerous men of the parish. Special thanks to Sam, Tony, Caleb, Ogbo, Greg, and the Knights selling the raffle tickets at the bazaar.

### **Financial Secretary Report:**

- No Report.

### **Program Reports:**

- Community:
- Faith:
- Family:
- Life:

### **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!”

- A big focus of November should be the Memorial Masses (3 – council, chapter, state)
  - Ensure that a copy of the necrology has been sent to the state council and include pronunciation aid for names if needed. The DDs will read the necrology at 3:00pm on Nov 10th at the State Memorial Mass.
  - Invite and escort widows/families of the deceased to all Memorial Masses
  - Challenge each council to identify an individual or team that will make monthly contact with every widow/widower. Offer a friendly greeting and find out how they’re doing. Is there anything the Knights should/can do to help them?
- State Midterm Meeting, January 4, 2025. Attendees include: all DDs, DWs, GKs, and DGKs.
- The next DD in-person meeting will occur on Tuesday, Nov 12th at 7pm inside the Kolbe room at The Shrine of Saint Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042.
- KCIC posters contest: send 1 st Place winning posters to State Council office by Monday December 23. Posters can be:
  - dropped off at the State Council Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14 (even if you have not made your presentation of winners by Dec. 14, you can still drop off winning posters);
  - Mail to Tim Fitzmaurice, 1593 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD 21114; (3) dropped off at Maryland State Council office: 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD 20715 (which is located at Sacred Heart Council 2577’s hall).

- If dropping off, please email or call Executive Secretary to the State Council Dale Trott, PSD, at [kofc-md@hotmail.com](mailto:kofc-md@hotmail.com)/ 443-968-0428 to check if someone will be at the office. State winners will be announced at Mid-Term meeting on Saturday, January 4. With exception of State 1st place winners, that will be sent to Supreme for the international judging, posters will be available for pick-up.
- Encourage councils to begin making arrangements for the Basketball Free Throw completion at the council level, in order to be ready for the District and State competitions.
- Encourage councils to fill out and continually update the Colombian Award Application (SP- 7) to avoid end of year issues.
- Look at the Silver Rose list and know what council in your District is hosting and pass the information. <https://kofc-md.org/tcal/>
- Ask your councils if they have contacted their local Pregnancy Center to find out their needs.
- Little Sisters of the Poor Collections. Next drop-off for the District is set for Saturday, November 16th, 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 17th. 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](http://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 of your Council in action and much more! Highlight the goodness your Council is doing.

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**

Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday, 12/14

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

- Brother Mark Powell had surgery on his back recently. Pray for a quick recovery.

### **Good of the Order**

**Carlo Acutis** (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was a British-born Italian website designer who documented Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions and catalogued both on a website he designed before his death from leukemia. Acutis was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life.

He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10 October 2020. After a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Acutis was confirmed in May 2024, Pope Francis granted approval in July 2024 to continue forward with the canonization process. His canonization is scheduled for 27 April 2025.

On 14 November 2019, the Vatican's Medical Council of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints expressed a positive opinion about a miracle in Brazil attributed to Acutis's intercession. Luciana Vianna had taken her son, Mattheus, who was born with a pancreatic

defect that made eating difficult, to a prayer service. Beforehand, she had prayed a novena asking for the teenager Acutis's intercession. During the service, Mattheus had asked that he should not "throw up as much". Immediately following the service, he told his mother that he felt healed and asked for solid food when he came home. Until then, he had been on an all-liquid diet. After a detailed investigation, Pope Francis confirmed the miracle's authenticity in a decree on 21 February 2020, leading to Acutis's beatification.

On 23 May 2024, Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Acutis. The miracle attributed to his intercession occurred in 2022 when a Costa Rican woman named Valeria had fallen off her bike and suffered a brain hemorrhage with doctors giving her a low chance of survival. Valeria's mother, Lilliana, prayed for the intercession of Acutis and visited his tomb. The same day, Valeria began to breathe independently again and was able to walk the next day with all evidence of the hemorrhage having disappeared.