



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

March 11, 2025

Meeting Venue: Fraternal Order of Eagles

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - **excused**

Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - **present**

Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - **present**

Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - **present**

Recorder: Jon Cwalina - **present**

Treasurer: Mark Shee - **excused**

Advocate: Barry Norris - **present**

Warden: Matt Lower - **excused**

Inside Guard: Dave Swancer - **absent**

Outside Guard: Michael Conley - **absent**

1 Year Trustee: Andy Swancer - **absent**

2 Year Trustee: Tom Maren - **present**

3 Year Trustee: Brian Coughlin - **excused**

Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - **absent**

Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - **excused**

Call to Order: Meeting began at 7:07 p.m

Other Knights in attendance: Jim Prebis, Ed Martin, Marty Tusim, Randy Krause, Kevin Blinkhorn, and Assembly 1766 Faithful Navigator Aaron Stratman

All Knights in attendance recited the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Approved minutes: The previous minutes from last month's meeting have been distributed electronically. **Motion to Approve:** Marty Tusim **Second:** Barry Norris
Minutes approved.

Chaplain's Message: Not present.

Grand Knight's Report: The Super Bowl Monday Raffle Party at Dan & Patty Cathcart's (Saturday March 1, 2025) was a Great Success. Four Bottles of Bourbon were raffled off to sellers of 10 Super Bowl Monday Raffle tickets (three were donated to the St. Pat's Day celebration). Food, Drink, and Fellowship was GREAT! We also received a donation of \$500 from Terry O'Malley, winner of the Raffle and Owner of Johnny Malloy's. Thank you once again for everyone's hard work on selling raffle tickets, where the Knights of Columbus Charities netted almost \$11,000.00 in profit.

As everyone already knows, we lost 2 of our better known and more active Council 4168 Knights in January (Bob Bilbrey and Bernie Dick). Masses were purchased at St. Francis Xavier and Holy Martyrs, respectively, for these two Knights by our Council. First, approximately \$3,200.00 has been raised for our Knights 4168 Charities as a Memorial to Bob. Also, some money was given by a Knight to Assembly 1766 in Bob's Memory. Mrs. Lois Dick sent our Council a \$100.00 check in gratitude for the Knights praying the Rosary at the Funeral Home. Sympathy / Thank you cards were sent to both Joanne Bilbrey and Lois Dick. Bob's Masses (SFX): Nov. 9, 2025 @12:00 PM, Nov. 23, 2025 @ 8:00 AM, and Dec. 7, 2025 @12:00 PM(All Sundays). Bernie's Masses (Holy Martyrs) May 8, 2025 @ Noon, August 17, 2025 @ 9:30 AM, and Dec. 2, 2025 @ Noon.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration will take place in the St. Francis Xavier Basement on Saturday March 22, 2025. Dinner Tickets are \$50.00 per person, Reverse Raffle tickets are \$30.00 each, music will be provided by Celtic Rush. Dan will give you more specific information in his Chancellor's Report, but Volunteers, Gift Baskets, and Dinner / Raffle Ticket Sales are still needed.

During Next Month's Officers Meeting (Thursday April 3, 2025) we will be discussing All of Knights 4168 Worthy Charities for 2025. Our Council is Blessed to have raised substantial funds for these Charities. If you have a Local Deserving Charity in mind, please plan on attending the Meeting at Hoffmann Hall at 7:00 PM 4/3/25.

During this month's Officer's Meeting we were talking about a Knights of Columbus #4168 Sunday during the Fall Hospitality Sunday/Weekend. We should get Knights names on the calendar soon for Eucharistic Ministers, Knights to Read Scripture, and Ushers. We can have a "Dry Run" during the Summer by attending Mass in force and wearing #4168 Golf Shirts @ 10:00 AM on a Sunday at SFX and 6:00 PM on a Saturday Mass at OLHC.

Our Knights Council #4168 received a very nice letter from Father Tony Sejba for donating \$2,000.00 to the #WeGiveCatholic Campaign.

Our Knights Council has been invited to an Open House at Oasis of Hope on Saturday April 12, 2025 from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM 710 N. Court St. You must RSVP events@oasisofmedina.com or call 330-723-3600 by April 8, 2025.

Financial Secretary's Report: No Bills to be paid (no motion required).

Treasurer's Report:

<u>Charity</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Gimme5</u>	<u>Troop 506</u>	<u>Seminarian</u>	<u>Super Bowl</u>
\$11,127.38	\$10,860.19	\$1,379.81	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,468.10
<u>Bilbrey Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>				
\$2,425.00	\$39,260.22				

Membership Report: Not much to share of late as we have not had any new members join our Council in a while. Have you all been inviting others? At our Leadership meeting on Thursday, we discussed a Fall 10:00 Mass staffed by Knights in shirts; hosting Hospitality after in the Church basement at SFX. All agreed to move ahead; encourage our brothers to personally invite men to join us in the interim! More to follow.

As a reminder, recruitment is everyone's responsibility. Marty Tusim volunteered to investigate the results of the SFX Stewardship Appeal and interest in Knights of Columbus.

Chancellor's Report: Much good news to share as we finished the most successful Raffle Sales ever for our Charities raising more than \$10k with the winner giving back \$500! Special thanks again to WGK Rick Dudas and all the men who sold raffle tickets.

The next Big event as I am sure all are aware is the St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance/ Reverse Raffle where we really need all hands-on deck March 22nd! This year we do not have the Scout parents assisting as they did not have enough to participate and so our Council's Charities will be the sole beneficiary! First & foremost, come join us with your Lady Knight. If she cannot attend come solo as the food is fantastic; we need your help in selling Candy bars, Tip Boards, Assisting Matt Lower with dinner, securing baskets for silent auction, setting up Friday night just having fun w/all in our community! Last year we had 20 baskets and made over \$1600! So far, we have secured a basket from The Coffee Colony thanks to WGK Rick Dudas, A basket from Debbie D'errico, a Bourbon basket from Bob Cavanaugh, Blanton's Bourbon; Table Runner from Cathcarts, Weller Green; Buffalo Trace that I'm aware of! Can you help us find some treasure in your home that we can put together for a gift basket? See the list of volunteers thus far & roles so Please join us!

Worthy 4th Degree Report: We are honored to welcome Joseph Bender Assembly #1766 Faithful Navigator Aaron Stratman to address us. Assembly #1766 will hold a 4th Degree Information Session on March 12, 2025 at the Wadsworth Knights Hall. If you are not a Sir Knight, please consider attending. The Assembly is also working on reorganizing the Color Corps. In an attempt to help purchase uniforms, the Assembly will be holding a Bourbon Fundraiser to assist in the 4th Degree Attire costs.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Steve Durbin raised a motion to award Dan & Patty Cathcart \$200.00 to offset the costs of the Super Bowl Monday Raffle Party. The Motion was 2nd by Jim Prebis. Motion Passed. Dan Cathcart was honored by the gesture but declined the offer.

Lecturer's Report: While the world around us tells us March is a time for college basketball madness, the church urges us to dedicate the month to the intercession of St Joseph. His feast is March 19th and the entire month is a good time to pray to the man who is unspoken in the bible but a reliable and trusted advocate to those who seek his protection and assistance. I'd ask each of you to reflect on the amount of time you spend honoring this great saint. Behind the Trinity and Mother Mary, there is no one more important to pray to than St Joseph, and yet few of us give him the attention that he is due. As men of the K of C, we often understand that men usually stay unspoken in the spiritual lives of the people around us. We often take a back seat in the spiritual development of our families, even though it's a well know fact that the man is actually the greatest factor in the spiritual development of their families. Quite frankly, if the dad prays, the children pray. It's as simple as that. Yet it is still quite commonplace for the man to be expected to be the main wage earner and take care of the families monetary needs. That obviously comes with a burden to be successful and productive even though the workplace becomes increasingly more difficult in spiritual terms. Thus men are often torn between work and family commitments, which become increasingly more demanding. The solution to that brothers comes mainly from the virtuous example of St Joseph. The more we model him, the more capable we become to handle these tasks in accordance with God's plan for us. I'd suggest three actions this month to increase your reliance on this saint.

1. Add St Joseph to the list of saints that you pray for at the end of every Rosary. This will keep you more aware of his special place in God's plan after the Virgin Mary.
2. Print out and say the Prayer to St Joseph the Worker every day before work. It's an awesome prayer that literally transforms your work life balance.
3. Consider participating in a 33 day Consecration to St Joseph. Mike Sweet is planning to lead another group though the Consecration starting on March 30th and ending on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on May 6th.

Grand Knight Summary: Happy St. Patrick's Day to all council members!

Prayer List for Sick and Distressed Family Members and Friends:

Anonymous Donor - HM

Prayers for Our Country

Betty Braskie

Kasper Family

Reno Buca

Ed Martin (continuing his recovery)

Kim Cathcart

Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan

Lexi Cerio (passed away)

Rob Musial

Brian Cerio Family

Joan Selby

Debbie Coons

Jim Sieniawski

Courtney Courtney

Bernadette Swancer

Amber Doucet

Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)

Tim Homolak (passed away)

Eric Uturo

Wayne Boggs

Nick Wallace

Father Tom Kowatch

Joseph Richards

Michael Lachendro (passed away at 34)

Angie Rasolett friend of Steve Braskie

Therese Sherwin

Lois Cathcart

Randy Krause

The Health of Pope Francis

Closing prayer: Prayer to St. Joseph (led by Kevin Lynch).

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph.

Such shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen. (Composed by Pope St. Pius X)

Motion to adjourn: Motion: Dan Cathcart Second: Barry Norris Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m