



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

May 13, 2025

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - present

Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - excused

Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - excused

Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - present

Recorder: Jon Cwalina - excused

Treasurer: Mark Shee - present

Advocate: Barry Norris - present

Warden: Matt Lower - excused

Inside Guard: Dave Swancer - present

Outside Guard: Michael Conley - present

1 Year Trustee: Andy Swancer - excused

2 Year Trustee: Tom Maren - present

3 Year Trustee: Brian Coughlin - present

Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - excused

Call to Order:

1. Knights in attendance: Dan Cathcart, Tom Maren, Brian Lombardi, Gregg Finkler, Jim Prebis, Dave Swancer, Barry Norris, Mark Moynihan, Tom Schmidt, Mike Conley, Mark Shee, Ed Bugner, Steve Thole, Ron Anderson, Rick Dudas, and KofC Insurance Agent Jorge Orozco.
2. 7:05 p.m. All in attendance recited the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call of officers
4. Motion to approve last month's minutes by Tom Maren; Second by Mark Shee; Motion approved.

Chaplain's Message:

No message.

Grand Knight's Report:

1. Since we last met, we lost Pope Francis on April 21st. Here is part of the message from our Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly - Today, we join all Catholics and people of faith around the world as we mourn the Death of our Holy Father Pope Francis. Pope Francis was a powerful witness to charity and fraternity, challenging us to reach out to the margins of society and serve those who are too often forgotten. He was also a friend to the Knights of Columbus and a champion of our mission. On many occasions, the Holy Father expressed his gratitude to all that the Knights do. He continually encouraged our charitable work and our efforts to promote the dignity of human life in the face of what he often called a “throwaway culture”. He expressed his support, too, for our efforts to challenge each other to become better husbands and fathers, and to embrace our responsibility to be active participants in the Church’s mission of evangelization.
2. Then on May 8, 2025 Pope Leo XIV was elected to the Papacy. Here are a few paragraphs from Supreme: The Knights of Columbus join Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church’s mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.
3. Our Knights Council in the past has provided lunch for the St. Francis Xavier School Students and Staff during an Opening Day Celebration. This year, instead of Opening Day, we are providing lunch from the Students and Staff of St. Francis Xavier School as a part of the Field Day Celebration on Tuesday May 27, 2025. Here is the plan: We will have food ready at 11:50 AM
 - All 400 Staff and Students will eat at 12:00 PM
 - Menu:
 - Hot Dog with bun (mustard and ketchup) surrounded with foil
 - Bag of Chips
 - Cookie
 - Bottle of Water
 - School has hot dog trays
 - Volunteers (updated):
 - Brian Coughlin
 - Ed Bugner
 - Diane Bugner

Bill Elligott
Ed Martin
Dave Swancer
Bernadette Swancer
Barry Norris
Brian Lombardi
Steve Thole
Mike Japel

4. On Saturday April 12, 2025, My Wife Dorothy and I attended the brunch held at the Oasis of Hope. We met quite a few volunteers as well as some of the people in charge (like Tracy & Shelby Rudnitskas) We did get to see the new UltraSound Machine, which our Council helped to purchase last year.
5. We received word from Financial Secretary Steve Durbin that our Brother Knight Larry Rufin age 90 passed away on January 23, 2025. Larry first became a Knight off Columbus on June 1, 1955, re-entered our Council on December 1, 1985. Larry was a parishioner of Holy Martyrs Catholic Church.
6. The State Convention will be held in Downtown Cleveland on the weekend of May 23-25, 2025. I will not be able to attend because of previous travel plans. Our Council did submit an "In-Memorium Form which contains the following Brother Knights we lost over the past year:
 - David A. Selby - Past Grand Knight Council 4168 and 4th Degree Knight Assembly 1766 - 7/9/2024
 - Bernard Dick - Past Grand Knight Council 4168 - 1/29/2025
 - Robert L. Bilbrey - Knight Council 4168 Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator Assembly 1766 - 1/18/2025
 - Timothy A. Homolak - Knight Council 4168 - 3/21/2025
 - John R. Citrone - Knight Council 4168 - 5/5/2024
 - Timothy Zawicki - 10/08/2024
7. From Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Lynch:
 - [KofC.Org/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html](https://kofc.org/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html) states that for every \$500.00 a Council contributes to a Pregnancy Resource Center / Maternity Home, then Supreme will donate an additional \$100.00 to that facility. The program is called ASAP (see the link) - Aid and Support After Pregnancy. In summary: we have designated \$1,000.00 to Birthcare of Medina and they will receive an additional \$200.00 from Supreme. We plan on donating \$500.00 to Oasis of Hope and they will receive an additional \$100.00
 - An update on the kitchen from Jim Winters Jr. of Sherwin-Williams:

- A. Originally, the design process was just for the kitchen. Now, there is a combined kitchen / east entry project, so there is an ongoing rework of the plans.
 - B. Appliances have been chosen and purchased. The S-W Store will hold them when delivered.
 - C. It has been confirmed that the basement tile has asbestos in it. The Abatement / Remediation process is being quoted.
 - D. No definitive timeline, while awaiting the design corrections and abatement quote.
- The 2026 Church Calendars due tomorrow or Thursday at the latest. They need meeting dates/times, breakfasts, dinners, etc. (NOTE: after the meeting, WGK contacted SFX Calendar and scheduled meetings for 2025 / 2026. NOTE: because of cleaning, the July 8, 2025 General Meeting is in School Library).

Financial Report:

Worthy Financial Secretary: Financial Secretary Steve Durbin - Excused Absence.

Worthy Treasurer:

<u>Charity</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Gimme5</u>	<u>Troop 506</u>	<u>Seminary</u>	<u>Super Bowl</u>	<u>Bilbrey Fund</u>
\$10,727.38	\$11,919.19	\$1,454.81.	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,468.10.	\$3,230.00
<u>St.Patrick's TOTAL</u>						
\$6,566.00	\$47,165.22					

Membership Report: Still communicating with the 4 men from the SFX Stewardship SignUp indicating their interest. Calls have been made to all and Cameron Dedrick (below) indicated in conversation that he does intend to signup (emailed an electronic Form 100). Hoping that any and all in our council that know these fine candidates, will reach out to them. As we end this year with the upcoming elections (June 2025) and responsibilities, I (Dan Cathcart) will be stepping down from this role. Hopefully, someone will feel called into this role to drive our membership for our dynamic and vibrant council. The candidates contacting through the Stewardship Signup were:

1. Michael Kupec 5184 Hanover Medina, OH 44256 216-570-4666 (cell)
nrfdkupec@yahoo.com,
2. Daniel Wallace 1147 Starboard Medina, OH 44256 330-603-2384(cell)
3. William Cox 891 Norwegian Wood, Medina, OH 44256 330-845-0453(cell)
wpc4627@hotmail.com
4. Cameron Dedrick 974 Oakbrooke Medina, OH 44256 440-532-0601(cell)
CamewronD03@gmail.com

Other Reports:

Chancellor's Report - Dan Cathcart:

1. At present, our Tony Imburgia Scholarship Committee is scoring 14 applicants for the ten \$500.00 Scholarship Awards to be presented on May 22, 2025 at the SFX Awards in the Church at 9:15 AM. Presenting the Tony Imburgia Scholarships will be PGK Tom Maren.
2. Briefly mentioned the Sponsorship and Participant forms (attached to meeting minutes) for the 2025 Race for Glory, which will be held August 23, 2025 at Buckeye Woods Park (Tom Schmidt will add more details later).
3. Lastly, the St. Francis Xavier Charity Golf Benefit will take place on Monday September 22, 2025 at Medina Country Club (5588 Wedgewood Road). Last Year, over \$36,000.00 was raised benefiting the St. Vincent dePaul Society. We hope everyone places this event on their calendars to golf, volunteer, sponsor, and donate to this worthy charity.

Worthy 4th Degree Representative - Tom Maren

Our 4th Degree Assembly 1766 traveled to the New Riff Distillery with the intent of purchasing a Barrel of Bourbon. The bottles of Single Barrel bourbon are available for an \$80.00 donation to the Joseph Bender Assembly 1766. The Profits from the donations will be used to help the 4th Degree Knights purchase the Regalia. The Regalia will be worn at special ceremonies where the Knights of Columbus Color Corp has been requested for a variety of ceremonial duties. Please contact Tom Maren (440-251-2897) to make a donation.

Four new Sir Knights received their 4th Degree at the Exemplification in early May in Westlake: Ed Martin from Council 4168 and John Kane, Kevin Green, and Johan Kasper from Council 3213 in Wadsworth, Congratulations to all of the New Sir Knights in Assembly 1766.

Worthy PGK Tom Schmidt:

The Race Director told us The Race for Glory will be held on Saturday August 23, 2025 at Buckeye Woods Park. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and the Race commences at 9:00 AM. Volunteers, Sponsors, and Participants are needed to make this race a success as it has in the past. Over \$13,000.00 was raised for Integrated Community Solutions, The Society, Medina County Special Olympics, and Medina Knights Charities.

Worthy Insurance Representative - Jorge Orozco: Insurance benefits for all Brother Knights including death benefits. Jorge talked about tragedies like Bob Bilbrey and Jorge's sister (who also died in a tragic car crash), as well as stillborn, children lost before 61 days and other qualifying insurance related tragedies.

Unfinished Business/New Business: None

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on June 22, 2025 - I received a message from Jennifer Webb (Director of Ministries and Communications) that St. Francis Xavier is planning a Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi (6/22/2025) after the Noon Mass. Weather permitting, the procession will exit the church on Washington street, proceed parallel with the school, around the gym, and conclude in Mary's Courtyard for about 10-15 minutes of Adoration. I suggested all of the Knights of Columbus Brothers at the Mass wear their Golf Shirts (KofC Logo) in the procession. Would any Knights be willing to participate? We will re-visit this event at the June Meeting.

Sophia's Smile 5k Run will be held on June 14, 2025 at Buckeye Woods Park. A check has been presented to Sophia's Smile.

Lecturer's Reflection (from Brian Lombardi): Brothers, There are some events in life that are sealed and day and time stamped in our memories. This past Thursday was probably one of those for many of us as we saw the white smoke arise from the Sistine chapel and we waited for the enormous announcement of our new Pope. When the announcement was made that it was an American, I sat in disbelief saying over and over, I can't believe they chose an American. But in these few short days following the new Peter, it's clear that God had a plan for our Church based on what we all hear. One of the most obvious attributes of Pope Leo is well aligned with our mission of the K of C a missionary spirit. God calls each of us to be missionaries in our state of life meaning that we must leave behind our self indulgent lives and go on a mission. Pope Leo heard a call to be an Augustinian missionary to the poorest of the poor in Peru, but he readily admits that his calling is unusual, and most men are called to duty to their family and our community-but that doesn't mean we aren't on a mission. As Knights, we ask ourselves as a council -What's our mission? If someone asked you, what is the mission of Council 4168-what would you say? We've been talking at previous meetings about finding and adding new Knights to our council and the difficulties we have in that area of recruitment. I've noticed the main limitation of men that I have approached is time commitment for service outside the family. Is our mission to attend meetings once a month? Certainly not just that, We need to continually ask ourselves what impact our council can have on the local church and community and what special charisms, that is gifts of the Spirit- have been bestowed on us As Knights we also personally ask ourselves -What's my mission? If you haven't sat down lately and discerned what God is calling you to do personally to advance the mission He has planned for His church, this might be a good time to ponder that question. As part of my Secular Carmelite vocation, we

specifically discern our mission as Discalced Carmelites. Much of my ministry work is based on that personal mission statement. So I ask each of us to do the same in the coming days and weeks. It takes prayer and quiet time alone, to hear God speaking to you interiorly. Often times it also takes close friends or loved ones to help you process the different aspects of your gifts to share. So the lecture challenge this month is to step back and ask yourself- what's my mission? I'd suggest you ask that question in the various contexts of your life- especially the of areas of service. Hopefully this will, as Pope Leo, loves to say "build new bridges" to unite yourself wit God's particular will for your life.

Grand Knight's Summary: None

Prayers:

Anonymous Donor - HM

Prayers for Our Country

Betty Braskie

Reno Buca

Kim Cathcart

Lexi Cerio (passed away)

Brian Cerio Family

Debbie Coons

Courtney Courtney

Amber Doucet

Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)

Eric Uturo

Wayne Boggs

Father Tom Kowatch

Michael Lachendro (passed away at 34)

Angie Rasolett friend of Steve Braskie

Pamela Acker friend of Jorge Orozco

Therese Sherwin

Randy Krause

Jon Cwalina - Future Tallmadge Aux. Police

Deacon Scott Cerrito

Kasper Family

Ed Martin (continuing his recovery)

Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan

Rob Musial

Joan Selby

Jim Sieniawski

Bernadette Swancer

Wilma Klein

Nick Wallace

Joseph Richards

Greg Lebotsky

Jon Cwalina - Auxiliary Officer - Tallmadge

Elizabeth Yoshida

Lois Cathcart

Success of Pope Leo

Closing Prayer: Prayer for the Canonization of the Blessed Michael McGivney.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion: Mark Shee; Second Ron Anderson; Motion is passed to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.