



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

June 10, 2025

**Grand Knight:** Rick Dudas - present

**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 - excused

**Warden:** Matt Lower - present

**Inside Guard:** Dave Swancer - excused

**Outside Guard:** Michael Conley - excused

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

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

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

**Spiritual Director:** Bob Cavanaugh - excused

**Lecturer:** Brian Lombardi - excused

## Call to Order:

1. Knights in Attendance: Ed Bugner, Kevin Blinkhorn, Walt Klein, Ron Anderson, Dan Cathcart, Kevin Lynch, Jon Cwalina, Steve Durbin, Steve Thole, Matt Lower, Tim Leahy, Tom Maren, Ed Martin, and Rick Dudas.
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 Matt Lower; Second by Dan Cathcart; Motion Approved.

**Chaplain's Message:** No Message from our Spiritual Director Deacon Bob Cavanaugh (traveling - Youth Group in Arizona with Father Ed Suszynski).

**Grand Knight's Report:**

**1. Election:** We must hold our Annual Election of Officers at Tonight's Meeting. To Simplify the Details, I will read off All of our Current Nominees. We can discuss the nomination (for the 2025-2026 Year stating 07-01-2025) of Officers after the reading. Then, we can Vote on the Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Officers for 2025-2026. Here is the list of nominees:

- Grand Knight - Rick Dudas
- Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch
- Financial Secretary (appointed position): Steve Durbin
- Treasurer: Mark Shee
- Chancellor: Dan Cathcart
- Recorder: Jon Cwalina
- Lecturer (appointed by the Grand Knight): Brian Lombardi
- Advocate: Matt Lower
- Warden: Barry Norris
- Inside Guard: Dave Swancer
- Outside Guard: Mike Conley
- Trustee (3 Year): Brian Coughlin
- Trustee (2 Year): Tom Maren
- Trustee (1 Year): Andy Swancer

No discussion for, against, or about any of the nominees. Motion to Approve: Ron Anderson; Second: Matt Lower; Motion Approved. Election completed for 2025-2026.

- 2. Field Day:** Successful Field Day Event on May 27, 2025 where Knights Council 4168 fed approximately 400 Students and Staff a lunch of hotdogs/buns, potato chips, cookies, and juice box / water on a beautiful afternoon. Thank you to all who made this event a success including Brian Coughlin (our Project Leader), Ed Bugner (Chief Chef), Diane Bugner, Bill Elligott, Ed Martin, Dave Swancer, Bernadette Swancer, Eric Bors, Mike Japel, Brian Lombardi, Ron Anderson, Larry Herring, Judy Herring, Steve Thole, and Rick Dudas.
- 3. Corpus Christi Sunday - June 22, 2025 - Noon Mass (at SFX).** All Brother Knights who want to participate, we can sit together or you can sit with your families. After the Mass is completed, the procession will form at the back of the church. We (the Knights of Columbus) will follow the Servers and the Crucifix and all other groups will process behind us. Father Tony Sejba will anchor the procession carrying the Blessed Sacrament in a Monstrance under a Canopy graciously donated by Patty Cathcart. Everyone will proceed around the property to Mary's Courtyard followed by a short 15 minute of Prayer

and Benediction. I will be polling Knights to get an approximate participation count before Corpus Christi.

4. **Meetings in 2025-2026:** Our July 8, 2025 meeting has been moved to the SFX School Library 6:30 PM - ~ 8:00 PM, because the cafeteria will be getting a cleaning. Kevin Lynch will be leading that meeting in my absence. All of our meetings for August 12, 2025; September 9, 2025; October 14, 2025; November 11, 2025; December 9, 2025; January 13, 2026; February 10, 2026; March 10 2026; April 14, 2026; and May 12, 2026 are all in the cafeteria - unless the parish decides to change the schedule.
5. **Council 4168 Charitable Donations in 2025:** So far this year, we have given the Girl Scouts \$500; Sophia's Smile \$500; and OLHC Outreach Food Pantry \$1,000. More to come. Our Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Lynch was putting together a schedule and sign-up sheet to schedule the check presentations. WGK Note: Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Lynch solicited Brother Knights during the meeting and electronically after the meeting.
6. **ASAP (Aid and Support after Pregnancy):** is a Supreme program where for every \$500 donated to a pregnancy resource center, Supreme will donate an additional \$100.
7. **Food For Families:** Ohio State Council - Knights of Columbus - for every \$500 donated, \$100 will be returned to the Council.
8. **The Race for Glory:** Saturday August 23, 2025 at Buckeye Woods Park. Signup: at 8:00 AM and the Race commences at 9:00 AM. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Tom Schmidt for more info.
9. **The Society Golf Outing:** July 14th. The deadline to register is July 7th. \$165 per person (lunch, hot d'oeuvres, tee gift), \$40 skins / mulligans per team; \$40 dinner. Sponsorships are available too.
10. **The Society Donation:** We received a Thank you from the Society for our \$1,000 gift from the 2024 Clambake.
11. **The Embrace Clinic and Care Center** is having a Dueling Piano event. They are looking for donations and sponsors to the event. They provide formula, diapers, clothing, cribs, car seats and more to parents of newborns and young children.
12. **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio** is looking for donations.
13. **Officers Meeting:** Our District Deputy Tom Donovan and new District Warden Dave Heilman graciously attended and passed along information from the Ohio State Convention, which was held on Memorial Day Weekend. On Saturday May 24, 2025 a Memorial Mass was held for our Knights of Columbus deceased brothers. **The Following Council 4168 Knights were recognized at that Mass:**
  - Bernard Dick - Past Grand Knight
  - David A. Selby - Past Grand Knight
  - John R. Citrone - Member
  - Robert L. Bilbrey - Faithful Navigator Assembly 1766

Timothy A. Homolak - Member

Timothy Zawicki - Member

**14. The 57th annual Ohio K of C State Family Campout** is July 28 - August 3, 2025 at the Cardinal Center in Marengo, OH (I-71 and Ohio 61). Make your reservations with the Cardinal Center (tell them you are with the K of C), then register by July 1 with the organizers. Our Brother Knights Tom (and Barb) Maren and Rick (and Dorothy) Dudas will represent Council 4168.

**15. New Local Seminarian:** Finally, I received a letter from a new Seminarian (this Fall) by the name of Quinn McNeill. He is a 3rd Degree Knight with Council 3213 (146. Lyman Street). And hopes to become a 4th degree Knight. He is looking to us for financial support. Quinn will be starting at Borromeo Seminary and John Carroll University this Fall. We talked about Quinn, his calling, and what we can do for him this year. Especially the RSVP program, which will refund the Council \$100 for every \$500 donated to a Seminarian. I have sent a message to Quinn and will be talking to him next week. At the Officers Meeting, it was suggested we donate (either to Father Andy Turner and the Pastoral Leadership or directly to Quinn) either \$500 or \$1,000. Note from WGK: I will contact Quinn and try to get him to attend one of our Meetings - either in July or August.

### **Financial Report:**

**Worthy Financial Secretary:** Financial Secretary Steve Durbin reported \$90.00 in dues.

### **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>
\$26,061.48	\$11,919.19	\$1,454.81	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,468.10	\$3,730.00

### **Total**

\$46,165.22

**Membership Report - Worthy Membership Director Dan Cathcart**, please give us your report - Emailed an invite to each of these 4 men from SFX Stewardship Sign to join us this Tuesday for rosary and attend along w/Into the Breach Video. Heard back from Michael & he is not able to join any groups at this time. Saw Bill Cox at 10:00 mass & he indicated he will join us! AMDG! Hoping that any & all in our Council that know these fine candidates, will reach out to them. As we end this year w/upcoming elections & responsibilities this month, I will be stepping down from this role. Please consider taking this important role to drive membership for our dynamic and vibrant Council....

Michael Kupec Not Interested

Daniel Wallace 1147 starboard drive Medina 44256 3306032384 Mobile (Cell) Interested

William Cox 891 Norwegian Wood Dr. 330-845-0453 Mobile (cell)

wpc4627@hotmail.com

Interested

Cameron Dedrick 974 Oakbrooke Drive Medina 44256 4405320601 Mobile (cell)  
CameronD03@gmail.com Interested

**Worthy Chancellor Dan Cathcart**, please report on upcoming events -

- On May 22nd our Imburgia Scholarship Committee scored 14 Applicants and PGK Tom Maren awarded 10 \$500 Tony Imburgia Scholarship Awards to:

Brooke Wujik

Bryce Ziegler

Brayden Ziegler

Claire Nunney

Grayson Wheeler

Olivia Knudsen

Elise Wagner

Jacob Knudsen

Bennett Ziegler

Emily Bors (daughter of Brother Knight Eric Bors)

To date \$79,000 has been awarded to students of SFX Day School!

- Congrats to all brothers & Lady Knights who participated in the Field Day Hot Dog Lunch for all students & staff at SFX Day School May 27th!
- 2 Additional Events are on the Horizon. Please share the details w/your friends & on social media in the attached Save the Date doc for the Race for Glory led by Tom Schmidt our Race Director taking place Saturday August 23rd at Buckeye Woods
- Lastly, The SFX Charity Golf Benefit will take place Monday Sep 22nd at Medina CC. Last year over \$36k was raised to the benefit of our St Vincent de Paul Society and so hope all will place this on their calendars to golf, volunteer, sponsor & donate where able given how important the need is!
- AMDG!!!!

**Worthy 4th Degree Representative - Tom Maren**

The next 4th Degree Meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wadsworth on Thursday 6/12/2025. One of the topics of discussion will be the Donations for Bourbon. There is a limited number of bottles remaining. Each bottle of New Riff Single Barrel Bourbon may be obtained for a charitable donation. Please see Tom Maren for more information. The goal of the fund raising event is to purchase uniforms for 4th Degree Members of Assembly 1766. Uniforms will have to be purchased by 4th Degree Knights and then rebates will be awarded to those Knights who commit to participating in events. See Tom Maren for more information or attend the June 12, 2025 Assembly 1766 Meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** WGK mentioned a letter from St. Francis Xavier Pastor Father Tony Sheba citing a Campaign for the New Church and a accompanying Survey.

**Lecturer's Reflection** - Our Lecturer Brian Lombardi was unable to attend, but he has sent the following message - Read by WGK: Brothers, June is a very special month in the Catholic Church with many significant Sunday Feasts to celebrate. We celebrated Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the church, last Sunday. This upcoming Sunday is The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, and the Sunday after is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood aka the Feast of Corpus Christi. If there's one dogma that epitomizes and sets apart the Holy Roman Catholic Church from other Christian religions, it's the belief in the true presence of Christ in the Body and Blood of the Eucharist. It's our belief that when the priest consecrates bread and wine during the Mass, they become transformed into the literal body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. This dogma is often attacked by Protestant traditions, which is quite ironic, because if there's one indisputable part of the Gospels, it's that Jesus unequivocally stated "this is my Body, this is my blood". And later, "I am the living bread that comes down from heaven" and finally and definitively when they questioned Him further, Jesus clarifies that "truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His blood, you have no life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day". It's a tragedy that even Martin Luther himself, believed firmly in the Eucharistic presence, but over time his followers had to break away because of the issues of living under papal authority. I'm really excited that our parish has chosen to celebrate Corpus Christi with a great tradition of a Eucharistic Procession outside the church symbolizing bringing our core Catholic belief of the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist out into the world. Some of us remember this tradition from many years ago when we processed around the church grounds and sometimes even into the local streets around the parish. I had the pleasure of seeing that tradition in my grandparents hometown in Italy, where they actually line the streets in flower petals, as Jesus is processed throughout the route through town. It seems some of these significant and memorable traditions like the Corpus Christi procession are beginning to be re-instituted and practiced more commonly in America. Somehow we lost many of these great traditions that distinguish ourselves from other faith traditions.

As Knights, we seem to hold these type of traditions in high regard. Most of us probably grew up fondly remembering the K of C men of the parish serving at Friday Fish Fry's, the 4th degree in full regalia processing at parades and funerals and many other events. We certainly want to do our part to preserve and propagate these wonderful traditions. As you

may be aware, we have a few special opportunities coming up to show ourselves in force. First is the Corpus Christi procession. After the noon Mass on June 22nd , we all can put our K of C logo golf shirts to good use and process together around the parish grounds. Please try to take advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate our fraternity and unity by attending this great event. Also, our 4th degree Assembly is currently working on various fundraisers to help offset the expense of the new regalia for those who don't own and are avoiding the high cost of investment to be properly "regaled". Traditions are slowly coming back, and we can take full advantage of this shift back towards the great traditions of the Knights!

**Grand Knight's Summary:** None

**Prayers:**

Anonymous Donor - HM

Prayers for Our Country

Betty Braskie

Kasper Family

Reno Buca

Ed Martin (continuing Recovery)

Kim Cathcart

Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan

Rob Musial

Brian Cerio Family

Joan Selby

Debbie Coons

Jim Sieniawski

Courtney Courtney

Bernadette Swancer

Amber Doucet

Mark T. Tomecko

Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)

Eric Uturo

Jessica Park Daughter in law of Mike Park

Wayne Boggs

Nick Wallace

Joseph Richards

Mary Maren (Stroke)

Herman Dehring

Tony Cathcart (Heart)

Angie Rasolett friend of Steve Braskie

Randy Krause

Success of Pope Leo

Therese Sherwin

Lois Cathcart

Fathers (Order, Parish, and Knights)

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

**Adjournment:** Motion: Tom Maren Second: Kevin Lynch Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.