



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

September 9, 2025

**Grand Knight:** Rick Dudas - present

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

**Financial Secretary:** Steve Durbin - present

**Chancellor:** Dan Cathcart - excused

**Recorder:** Jon Cwalina - excused

**Treasurer:** Mark Shee - present

**Warden:** Barry Norris - present

**Advocate:** Matt Lower - present

**Inside Guard:** Dave Swancer - present

**Outside Guard:** Michael Conley - excused

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

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

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

**Spiritual Director:** Bob Cavanaugh - excused

**Lecturer:** Brian Lombardi - excused

## Call to order:

1. Knights in Attendance: Kevin Lynch, Matt Lower, Dave Swancer, Ed Bugner, Larry Aylward, Steve Braskie, Kevin Wright, Tim Leahy, Barry Norris, Steve Durbin, Mark Shee, Ron Anderson, Gregg Finkler, Jim Prebis, Tom Schmidt, Ed Martin, Andy Swancer, and Rick Dudas. Also, K of C 4168 Candidates Vincent Arndt and Joel Meckes and Captain Kevin Knappins from the Salvation Army.
2. 7:07 PM (meeting start). 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 Meeting Minutes by Andy Swancer, Second by Kevin Wright, Motion Approved.

**Chaplain's Message:** No Message and the Chaplain was excused.

**Grand Knight's Report:**

1. The Building (131 N. East St.) has been sold. We will be having a discussion about investing the money soon. Some of the ideas are conservative in nature and possibly with the Catholic Community Foundation, The K of C Advisors, or a private entity. The last suggestion may not follow the K of C (Supreme) guidelines. Stay Tuned - We will be scheduling a discussion where all are welcome.
2. Staying with the building, we have a new address: 1114 N. Court St. PMB209 (or #209). Our Postal address change was effective 9/12/2025. We only have one key (changed since), but are looking to procure multiple keys for the box and the door - stay tuned.
3. One more thing about the building: we will be leasing space at the 620 Corporation tomorrow. The unit will be 10 X 15 and will cost approximately \$1,146.00 annually. Lastly, we need to assemble a group of Knights with Pick-Up trucks and move everything out of the building as soon as possible. We have records, pictures, Clambake supplies, assorted other materials, Etc. Can we get together later this week / this weekend as a group to remove these materials (did Thursday 9/11/2025 - Tom Schmidt, Brian Feron, Kevin Lynch, Dave Swancer, and Rick Dudas (advised by Andy Swancer and Kevin Blinkhorn)).
4. The 20th Annual Knights 4168 Clambake is less than a month away on October 4, 2025 at Camp Paradise. We need orders for Bakes, as well as volunteers and donations (beer, water, soda pop, desserts, etc. ).Please consider volunteering.
5. Larry Aylward has a special guest - Captain Kevin Knappins from the Salvation Army in Medina. The Salvation Army has a Bell Ringer Program and they are looking for Volunteer Bell Ringers in and around Medina County. Captain Kevin gave us a little presentation and talked about the Salvation Army is a Church of Jesus Christ. The Kettles are their major Fundraising Effort for the year. They also support about 1,000 families and 630 children and have a small Music School at their facility. Please contact Larry Aylward is you are interested.
6. I received a message from Michael Conley and Paul Patel (Development and Community Relations - The Society. Their Message: the Boo Bash is back with a twist!! This year, we are switching things up! Instead of our usual Friday night, the Boo Bash will be held on Saturday October 11th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at 4283 Paradise Road Seville, OH. As a table sponsor, you will need a couple of people from your organization that will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters and we will also have a lawn game in front of your table that you will help the guests with. You are welcome to to bring business cards, flyers, etc. from your organization and bring some spooky decorations to decorate your table. Your organization will be responsible for bringing the candy for the trick-or-treaters. Some sponsors have asked how much candy to bring? We usually get 400-1000 (depending on the weather, so plan accordingly. Thank you so much for being a table sponsor this year. Let me know if you have any questions.

7. Tom Maren is off on a Camping Trip, but he is leading our Medina Knights Bowling Team. Last night was our first night in the Lazor Insurance Bowling League. Unfortunately for the team, my bowling is mediocre at best. Tom says he has room for one more Bowler. The role is a substitute and you will not bowl every week. If you have any interest, call Tom at 440-289-0454.
8. I have been in contact with Father Tony Sejba about worshipping as a Group on Sunday January 18, 2026, which will be the one year anniversary of the passing of our Brother Bob Bilbrey. I suggested we could reserve a few rows of pews to honor our fallen Brother Knight Bob. As everyone who attended the last meeting knows, we voted as members to become a Guardian of Hope for the St. Francis Xavier / St. Vincent dePaul Golf Outing by donating \$4,000.00 in Bob's name. Last month, the Bob Bilbrey fund was at \$3,780.00, but with the help of Gregg Finkler and Mark Moynihan, we were able to match our donation. Thank you everyone - Bob is smiling on our Souls.
9. Race for Glory 2025 report - Here is the preliminary report. There are a few outstanding expenses, but as of now we needed over \$15,500.00 (last year \$13,486.63). Our sponsorship numbers are up from \$13,050.00 to \$15,740.00. This year there were more runners than walkers (the final numbers for walker / runners is not in yet). Pre-registration: 67 runners and 32 walkers. Race Day - Well over 100 Participants. Questions contact Kevin Blinkhorn.

### **Financial Report:**

**Worthy Financial Secretary** - please present any bills not previously approved for payment. Catholic Treehouse \$220, 620 Corporation \$1,146.00, (others). Motion Raised by Andy Swancer, Second by Barry Norris. Motion Passed.

**Worthy Treasurer** - please report the Council's Financial Status.

<u>Charity</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Gimme5</u>	<u>Troop 506</u>	<u>Seminary</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$19,841.48	\$9,624.81	\$1,459.81	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$33,925.84

### **Membership Report -**

**Worthy Membership Director** - please give us your report: Director Brian Lombardi - membership reported by Gregg Finkler. Gregg reported we have prospective members in Vincent Arndt, Keegan Coughlin, Michael Borowiak, and Joel Meckes. Brian is organizing a membership sub-committee with Gregg and Ron Anderson. Ron introduced a new prospect - Joel Meckes. Joel told us he is a relatively new Catholic who is very enthusiastic about the Catholic Faith and the possibility of becoming a Knight of Columbus. WGK - we should also think about holding an Exemplification for these Men.

**Other Reports** - (The following reports are made as needed)

- **Worthy Deputy Grand Knight** Kevin Lynch, do you have a report? Kevin reported that we should consider, as a membership group, to do something in memory of Lexi Cerio. No discussion.

- **Worthy 4th Degree Representative** - From our Faithful 4th Degree Faithful Navigator Aaron Stratman: We are having our Officer installation Thursday night. Afterwards, I, and hopefully a few others, will be around to talk to any Third degree who want information about joining the 4th degree. If you know anyone interested, bring them along. I will have info packets like last time at the meeting as well. Make sure you tell any who are interested about the fast approaching deadlines. Registration is now open for our next Exemplification, which will be held on October 18th, at the Holiday Inn in Boardman, Ohio. Deadline for hotel reservations is September 17th. Banquet and Candidate Registration deadline is October 1st. Information regarding the Exemplification can be found on the District website: <https://www.kofcohdist1.org/exemplification/>

**Unfinished Business** - no old business

**New Business (new motions)** - I will now entertain new motions. Brian Lombardi wanted us to serve lunch for a Confirmation at St. Francis Xavier. No discussion.

**Lecturer's Reflection** - Let us listen to the Worthy Lecturer Brian Lombardi's Reflection (read by the Grand Knight in Brian's absence): Brothers, the month of September has four major Feast Days during the middle of September. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th and the Most Holy Name of Mary on the September 12th , The Exultation of the Holy Cross on September 14 th and then Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th . As you can see, this is a major week where the Church is calling us to a deeper understanding of the main theme threaded through each of these important event-which can be summarized as the "Dawn of Salvation". It is unusual to celebrate four such significant holy days in the same week, which makes this week especially important to step back and reflect on the links between them. The Marian days are related in that Mary is a central figure in God's plan for the salvation of mankind, and are a sort of a precursor to God's plan of salvation by sending His Only Son to die on the cross for our sins. The coexistence of these devotions so close together provides a profound opportunity to meditate on the intersection of Christ's redemptive suffering and Mary's maternal participation. Often times we need some avenue to dedicate time in our lives for prayer on such significant events. As we learned last month, the K of C has now created a special new ministry called COR to help Knights focus on forming and strengthening Catholic their faith and virtue through prayer, formation, and fraternity and thus to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. After last month's meeting, Matt Lower and Brian Lombardi discussed stepping up and taking on the challenge to initiate COR in our Council, and Matt has graciously volunteered to step into the position of Evangelization and Faith Formation Director for our Council. We're hoping that we can assemble a group of us that can meet regularly and launch this new Just to recap: Key Aspects of the COR Initiative:

Purpose: To build a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through community and faith.

### Core Components:

Each COR gathering or experience includes three elements:

Prayer: Lifting hearts to God.

Formation: Becoming more like Christ.

Fraternity: Building brotherhood and community.

Inspiration: The name COR is inspired by the Latin words of Cardinal John Henry Newman's motto, "Heart speaks to heart".

Open to All Men: While organized by the Knights of Columbus, COR gatherings are open to all

men of the parish, not just Knights.

Goal: To help men become more courageous and faithful individuals, stronger husbands and

fathers, and missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Reach out to Matt, Brian or Rick if to have an interest in being a pioneer and giving COR a try.

**Grand Knight's Summary** - Let's make a Group Effort to 1. Make our 20th Annual Clambake a success and 2. Disconnect ourselves with 131 N. East Street. The last item I want to mention: I know our Council elections are still 9 months away, but I want to tell the membership that I will not be seeking the Grand Knight position after June of 2026. We as a council have to think about who we want to groom to lead our Council for the second half of 2026 and beyond.

**Closing Prayer** - Before proceeding to the closing prayer, let me ask: Does any brother know of a member of this council, or a brother of the order or any family members who are sick or in distress?

Read off the list of Sick below \_\_\_\_\_

Anonymous Donor - HM

Prayers for Our Country

Betty Braskie

Reno Buca

Kim Cathcart

Rob Musial

Brian Cerio Family

Debbie Coons

Courtney Courtney

Amber Doucet

Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)

Eric Uturo

Wayne Boggs

Joseph Richards

Herman Dehring

Kim Ford friend of Steve Braskie

Lois Cathcart

Mark and Lindsey Phillips

Kasper Family

Ed Martin (continuing Recovery)

Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan

Ed Greer

Joan Selby

Aiden Bugner

Bernadette Swancer

Jerome Dietrich

Jessica Park Daughter in law of Mike Park

Nick Wallace

Mary Maren (Stroke)

Tony Cathcart (Heart)

Martha Anderson

Please let us recite the Prayer for the Canonization Blessed Michael McGivney as we pray for the distressed and close this meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:19 p.m. Motion by Andy Swancer Second by Ed Bugner Motion Passed.