KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Medina Knights of Columbus #4168
St. Francis Xavier Basement Cafeteria - Tuesday February 10, 2026

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - present
Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - present
Financial Secretary - Steve Durbin - present
Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - present
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 - absent
1 Year Trustee: Andy Swancer - absent
2 Year Trustee: Tom Maren - present
3 Year Trustee: Brian Coughlin - present
Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - absent
Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - present

Call to order:

1. Knights in attendance: Dave Dahler, Larry Spencer, Brian Lombardi, Marty Tusim, Brian Cerio, Ben Wagner, Jim Prebis, Tom Maren, Barry Norris, Tim Leahy, Jon Otto, Dave Swancer, Rick Dudas, Matt Lower, Kevin Lynch, Joe Galla, Kevin Blinkhorn, Brian Coughlin, Steve Durbin, Mark Shee and future Knight John Cygan..
2. Meeting officially began at 7:04 p.m. All in attendance recited The Lord's Prayer (Our Father) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. A motion to approve last month's Meeting Minutes by Barry Norris, Second by Matt Lower. Motion Approved.

Chaplain's Message: No Report.

Grand Knight's Report:

1. **Special Guest Speaker - Jennifer Webb:** If any of you do not know Jennifer, she is responsible for Stewardship and Communications at St. Francis Xavier Church. She is here tonight to tell us more about the "Food Packing Event" to be held on Saturday April 11, 2026 in the SFX Gymnasium, which will benefit Cross Catholic Outreach. Jennifer showed a short video and told the membership about the need to raise $19,800.00, which will generate approximately 60,000 meals at a cost of approximately $0.33 each. On Saturday April 11, 2026 this food packing benefit will require 150 volunteers in the morning and also in the afternoon. This Cross Catholic Outreach effort will generate vital meals to help slow hunger Wold-Wide. If you can volunteer, place this event on your calendar.
2. **Super Bowl Monday Raffle Tickets:** Knights of Columbus Council 4168 distributed 951 out of 1,000 Super Bowl Monday Raffle Tickets printed. Of those distributed, our Brother Knights sold a record 798 tickets. The Gross Raffle Ticket sales were $15,960.00. The winning ticket (#802) was sold by Gregg Finkler to Neil Browne of Medina. Neil was gracious enough to donate $500.00 of his $3,000.00 winnings back to Council 4168 and we thank him so very much. Gregg Finkler sold the most tickets (218) in our Fund Raising Effort, which generated a net profit of $13,410.00 - outdistancing the 2025 effort which generated $10,668.00. The Knights of Columbus Council 4168 thanks every Brother Knight for their outstanding effort.
3. **SFX LifeTeen Confirmation Dinner:** On Sunday February 1, 2026, we bought pizza and served dinner to the LifeTeen Confirmation Group, before they started their religious studies for the evening. We spent $115.00 for the pizza (supplied by Guy's Pizza Co. at 800 Lafayette Road) and the restaurant gave us an excellent discount. We had quite a few volunteers serving dinner including Brian Lombardi, Kevin Lynch, Vincent Arndt, Dave Swancer, David Cathcart, Jon Otto, and myself. Good luck LifeTeens in your Confirmation studies.
4. **Exemplification of the 4th Degree:** On Saturday January 17, 2026, our newest Knight Vincent Arndt became a Sir Knight in the Exemplification of Patriotism at St. Ambrose Church in Brunswick. Besides myself, Brian Lombardi, Tom Maren, District Deputy Tom Donovan, Faithful Navigator Aaron Stratman, and some Honor Guard members from the Jospeh Bender Assembly 1766 were on-hand for the ceremonies. Congratulations to Sir Knight Vincent Arndt.
5. **Memorial Mass for Bob Bilbrey:** Sunday January 18, 2026 was the one year anniversary of the tragic passing of Brother Knight and former Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1766 Bob Bilbrey. The Jospeh Bender Assembly 1766 Faithful Navigator Aaron Stratman and members of the Honor Guard were present out of respect and friendship of our fallen Brother Bob. Joanne Bilbrey and some of her family also worshiped with us at the Mass celebrated by Father Michael Petkosek. Also on hand were Sir Knights Tom Maren, Gregg Finkler, Vincent Arndt, Barry Norris, Ed Martin, Kevin Lynch, and Rick Dudas (hopefully I did not miss anyone). After Mass, Joanne told us she was thankful for us remembering Bob in the special

way. Also, Sir Knight Brian Lombardi gave a special tribute to our Brother Bob after Mass. Thank you to all who participated and worshiped with us on the Anniversary of Bob's passing.

6. **Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity:** On Thursday February 5, 2026 we held another Exemplification at the Randel House for the following New Council 4168 Knights: Ben Wagner, Dave Dahler, Dan Westphal, and Larry Spencer. Also in attendance at the Exemplification were District Deputy Tom Donvan and State Secretary Jim Maslach. The ceremony was performed by Kevin Lynch, Brian Lombardi, Steve Durbin, Tom Maren, and myself. Congratulations to our new Council 4168 Knights of Columbus.

Financial Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Charity	General	Gimme5	Troop 506	Clambake	TOTAL
$19,712.89	$7,812.33	$1,459.81	$2,000.00	$607.28.	$31,592.05

Financial Secretary Report:

Present any bills not previously approved for payment. No bills to be paid at this time.

Chancellor's Report - Dan Cathcart:

Patty and Dan Cathcart will be hosting a "Feast of Food, Fine Wine, and Bourbon" at their home on Saturday February 21, 2026 for the Brother Knights and wife/significant other for those Council 4168 Knights who sold 10 or more 2026 Super Bowl Monday Tickets. Dan will also be raffling off 3 bottles of Bourbon for to those who sold 10 Super Bowl Monday Raffle tickets (1 entry for each 10 sold).

4th Degree Report - Tom Maren: The Joseph Bender Assembly held a Reverse Raffle on Saturday February 14, 2026 at the Knights of Columbus Hall 148 N. Lyman St. Wadsworth, OH. The 4th Degree is the visual representation of the Knights of Columbus. Currently, 15 members of the Assembly own the new uniform and process as the Honor Guard at funerals and other events where requested.

Membership Report - Brian Lombardi: Brian introduced the new Brother Knights present and had every Knight present introduce themselves.

Unfinished Business (motions carried over from previous meetings): WGK: After the Exemplification (last Thursday February 5, 2026), I had a discussion with State Secretary Jim Maslach and District Deputy Tom Donovan about our Raffle and the proceeds from the Sale of Hoffman Hall. First of all, they both told me we were doing an excellent job raising money for Charity. As far as the Hall proceeds, Jim Maslach made this statement: "A 501C8 (Knights of Columbus 4168) can 'give' money to a 501C3 (Medina Knights aka Tony Imburgia Scholarship). But, a 501C3 CANNOT give money to a 501C8. But, we can get around that

obstacle by having the 501C3 write a check for the Charity where the 501C8 donates money. Discussion - no definitive resolution.

New Business (New Motions):

- Discussion on the Cross Catholic Outreach request from Jennifer Webb. Everyone agreed it was an excellent donation to make in the name of Knights of Columbus Council 4168. Brian Lombardi raised the Motion that we donate $1,500.00 to the Cross Catholic Outreach and deliver the check to Jennifer Webb; 2nd by Matt Lower. Motion Approved. GK Rick Dudas will deliver the check.
- One more piece of New Business: Jennifer Chodaczek from First Step Up (Medina County's First Emergency Shelter) approached us about being a sponsor to their Bingo Fund Raising Event (as a Shining Star Level on their Red Carpet for $500.00). Motion to donate made by Kevin Lynch; Second by Dave Swancer; Motion Approved. Dan Cathcart will deliver check.

Lecturer's Report (from Brian Lombardi): Let us listen to the Worthy Lecturer Brian Lombardi's Reflection: The month of February is well known for Valentine's Day as evidenced by the hearts we see prominently displayed everywhere we look. Did you ever consider why we use the heart to symbolize love? Why not the pancreas or the intestines which are spatially more at the center of our body mass? This connotation was handed down from Aristotle and ancient Greek cultures who identified the heart as the center of intellect, emotion, and sensation, not the brain mainly because as humans they noticed that we feel that "fluttering" of the heart when we connect emotionally with someone or something. Each one of us baptized souls has the "love of God" dwelling inside of us interiorly which is known in a spiritual sense as our Divine Indwelling. And what is God, but Love, and what dwells in the center of our soul is Love. Thus to grow as Christians, we must not avoid connecting with our Divine Indwelling but actually seek to connect to it. We can experience that connection in different ways. That "good feeling" inside of us when we help someone is known as a "spiritual consolation". We also need to seek other ways to connect with our Divine Indwelling in addition to corporal charity. We must ask ourselves as a Council where we are focusing our time in spiritual growth opportunities for our members. Most people only view the KofC as serving the corporal needs of our community and are unaware that we also provide a critical link of brotherhood in times of spiritual needs. As brother in Christ we have a similar obligation of charity to draw souls closer to God and thus our KofC council also needs to put an emphasis on spiritual charity in addition to our great works of corporal charity. So I'll offer a couple concrete opportunities to take that step towards God spiritually as Blessed Michael McGivney would so highly endorse. Some of us are currently participating in Exodus90, a Catholic Men's devotion that like the KofC promotes faith and fraternity. It's not to late to join us. As a parish, we are about to set off on a Lenten Faith Sharing journey through a book by a Carmelite Saint Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection that teaches us a simple way that We are offering our council the opportunity to create our own Lenten faith sharing group as part of the KofC COR initiative. Coincidentally, COR is Latin for Heart, which ties back up to what I was mentioning earlier. We all have a heart made for God alone and until we unite with it we're going to feel unfulfilled

somewhere deep inside.So please pray about your particular situation and pass along the Good News that the KofC is engaged in both spiritual and corporal works of mercy. I'm available after the meeting if anyone would like to learn more about any of the opportunities that I have mentioned.

Grand Knights Summary: None.

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 a Family Member who is Sick or in Distress?

Read off the list of Sick below ——————————————————————

Anonymous Donor - HM
Prayers for Our Country
Pat Milo
Nancy Blinkhorn
Bill Scheutow
Betty Braskie
Kasper Family
Reno Buca
Ed Martin (continuing Recovery)
Nancy Blinkhorn
Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan
Rob Musial
Ed Greer
Brian Cerio Family
Joan Selby
Debbie Coons
Aiden Bugner
Andrea Kennex
Dan Galla
Amber Doucet
Jerome Dietrich
Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)
Eric Uturo
Jessica Park Daughter in law of Mike Park
Wayne Boggs
Sheryl Mowery
Joseph Richards
Mary Maren (Stroke)
Herman Dehring
Kim Ford friend of Steve Braskie
Lois Cathcart
Martha Anderson
Mark and Lindsey Phillips
Success of Pope Leo
Jim Sieniawski
Elizabeth Yoshida

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM Motion by Brian Lombardi Second by Matt Lower Motion Passed and Meeting Adjourned.