



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Medina Knights of Columbus #4168
St. Francis Xavier Basement Cafeteria - Tuesday March 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 - excused
Warden: Barry Norris - present
Advocate: Matt Lower - present
Inside Guard: Dave Swancer - present
Outside Guard: Michael Conley - excused
1 Year Trustee: Andy Swancer - excused
2 Year Trustee: Tom Maren - excused
3 Year Trustee: Brian Coughlin - excused
Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - excused
Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - present

Call to order:

1. Knights in attendance: Dave Swancer, Mark Moynihan, Jim Prebis, Bob Mieyal, Rich Amiot, Kevin Lynch, Dan Cathcart, Kevin Wright, Ben Wagner, Matt Lower, Tim Leahy, Brian Lombardi, Rick Dudas, District Deputy Tom Donovan, Vincent Arndt, Barry Norris, Steve Durbin, Tom Schmidt, Justin Bryant, Joe Gill, Michael Scheurger, John Cygan, Mario Sciortino, Tony Prusinski, Nick Demlow David Cathcart, and Dave Dahler (please let me know if I missed anyone).
2. Meeting officially began at 7:10 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 Kevin Wright, Second by Brian Lombardi. Motion Approved.

Chaplain's Message: No Report.

Grand Knight's Report:

1. **Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity:** Prior to the Meeting, tonight, we held an Exemplification Ceremony for Bob Meiyal, Nick Demlow, Tony Prusinski, Rich Amiot, Mario Sciortino, and John Cygan. Besides myself, the Exemplification was performed by Brian Lombardi, Dan Cathcart, and Vincent Arndt. Dave Swancer stepped in as our Warden for the ceremony. The Exemplification was witnessed by our Worthy District Deputy Tom Donovan. Please welcome our new Council 4168 Knights of Columbus.
2. **Knights of Columbus Apparel:** Everyone should have received a message from me on March 9, 2026 describing the special offering our Worthy Chancellor Dan Cathcart has graciously found for us. Take a look at the email and if you want to purchase any shirt(s), please send your order to Tom Maren (marent@zoominternet.net). **This Offering will end after the Tuesday April 14, 2026 Monthly Meeting.**
3. **Cross Catholic Outreach Event:** I forwarded a message from Jennifer Web, today (March 10, 2026), about the Food Packing event taking place on **Saturday April 11, 2026**. Jennifer gave us a presentation at our last meeting (February 10, 2026) and told us of the event. She told us that the meals cost \$0.33 and they needed donations and volunteers. During that meeting, Our Council donated \$1,500.00 to the Cross Catholic Outreach event. Please take a look at the forwarded email from me, step forward, and volunteer if you can on Saturday April 11, 2026. If you have questions, call Jennifer Webb at **330-764-8946** or email: (jwebb@sfxmedina.org) .
4. **Parking Help Needed - Thursday March 12, 2026:** Ms. Danene Beal and St. Francis Xavier School have an event on this Thursday (03/12/2026) and are requesting parking assistance between 4:45 - 6:30 PM. If you can help out, your help would be appreciated.
5. **Field Day St. Francis Xavier School Tuesday May 26, 2026:** In the past, the Knights of Columbus Council 4168 has celebrated Opening Day for the Cleveland ~~Indians~~ Guardians by purchasing and serving lunch for the St. Francis Xavier School children and staff. Last year, our role changed where we participated in the Field (last day of school) Day celebration by serving hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. We will be helping with the Field Day again this year on May 26, 2026. In 2025, we had 15 able bodied volunteers. Hopefully, we will have plenty of volunteers this year. We will need help serving 400 hotdogs for lunch that day. Please consider volunteering.
6. **Medina Service Clubs Good Friday Breakfast:** A message went out during the week of March 9, 2026 (and a few times afterwards) about the Annual Medina County Service Club Breakfast at Williams on the Lake on Good Friday April 3, 2026 @6:30 AM. Please let me know if you will be attending and the cost will be \$25.00 per person for breakfast. This is a spiritually uplifting event, where you can meet other Medina County Service Club members (Kiwanis, Odd Fellows, etc.). Please let me know if you want to attend.

7. **Council 4168 Officer Election - June 2026:** This June, we will be holding an election of Officers for our Council. I have been the Grand Knight for the past two years, as well as the Deputy Grand Knight for the previous 2 years. I will be stepping down at the end of my term (but I am not going away). With the exception of the Financial Secretary, Chancellor, and the Treasurer, ALL POSITIONS are open to anyone who wants to step forward and help guide our Knights of Columbus 4168 Council. I will attach a Council Leadership Guide to let you know guidelines set forth by Supreme on each and every Officer Position. At our Officers Meeting on Thursday March 5, 2026, I told the Brother Knights: “the position of Grand Knight involves 2 criteria: Preparation and Execution”. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Officer.
8. **Ohio Knights of Columbus State Campout:** This year’s (2026) Ohio State Knights of Columbus Campout will be held from July 24 - 26, 2026 at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, OH. Take a look at the message I sent out on February 23, 2026, which contains a welcome letter, schedule of events, and a registration form. Please contact me (Rick Dudas) or Tom Maren, if you are interested or have any questions pertaining to the State Campout (fun for the entire family).
9. **Charitable Donations from Knights of Columbus:** We talked briefly at our Officers Meeting about Council 4168 Donations to Charities in 2026. We basically covered the same Charities we donated to last year. Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Lynch stated we should table this discussion until the April 2026 Officers and Monthly Membership Meeting.
10. **Transfer of Herman Dorey Money Market Funds to Catholic Community Foundation:** A few Officers (Dan Cathcart, Kevin Lynch, and Rick Dudas) will be getting together (via Zoom Call on Saturday March 20, 2026) with Nathan Hudak from the Catholic Community Foundation with the intent of moving the Herman Dorey building proceeds from a Money Market account to an investment with the Diocese of Cleveland’s Catholic Community Foundation. Stay tuned in the upcoming month or so.

Financial Report:

Treasurer’s Report:

<u>Charity</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Gimme5</u>	<u>Troop 506</u>	<u>Clambake</u>	<u>Super Bowl Raffle</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$17,712.89	\$9,787.52	\$1,459.81	\$2,000.00	\$607.28	\$13,065.00.	\$44,632.24

Financial Secretary Report:

Present any bills not previously approved for payment. \$279.00 in dues and \$25.00 GimmeMe5. I seek a motion to pay the bills, Motion by Kevin Wright Second by Dan Cathcart, All in Favor? (Motion Passed). All Bills are Approved for Payment.

Membership Report:

Worthy Membership Director Brian Lombardi, Please give us your report: Besides the Exemplifications for the new members performed over the past two months, 12 of 16 new members have joined our council. Also, we also have a 5 potential new members wanting to join our Council.

Chancellor's Report - Dan Cathcart:

Worthy Chancellor Dan Cathcart, please report on Council 4168 Events.

- Major Kudos to all that sold Super Bowl Raffle Tickets for the benefit of our Knight's Charities! Most especially those that SOLD 10 & qualified for the Feast by Patty Cathcart Feb 21st w/a menu of Tuscan Soup, Tossed Salad, Chicken Francaise, Ratatouille, Garlic Parmesan Orzo. Desserts galore; Millionaire Shortbread, Lemon Icebox pie, Brownie Trifle, Chocolate Peanut Butter Cake, Chocolate covered peanut butter hearts & Tiramisu plus incredible wines & bourbons! The 3 bottles of hard-to-find bourbons were won by Brian Coughlin, Mark Moynihan & Dan Welsh! Again, thanks to all that made this fundraiser our largest most successful yet!
- Speaking of Charities, our leaders met & discussed needs this past Thursday. Details will be shared by WGK Rick Dudas. Do you have a local non-profit you want us to consider? Be sure to speak up as we need to hear from you to discern who we should be supporting!
- For those brothers who are new or who want to purchase Council Shirts to wear at events, we are placing another order w/our Mfg Rep connection at SFX for golf shirts & long sleeve fleece Qtr Zips all in various colors from size small to 3XL w/our Knights logo & Council info. Details will be shared by our WGK Rick Dudas.

District Deputy Tom Donovan Report: Our Worthy District Deputy told us we were doing an excellent job, especially with all of our new Members. In the State of Ohio, 385 councils and their 56,000 members are looking to add an additional 2,000 Brother Knights.

Other Reports: PGK Tom Schmidt informed the Council that St. Francis Xavier School Principal Danene Beal will be retiring after this school year. Tom gave us a thought to ponder: Maybe the Council should purchase a retirement gift for Ms. Beal. This will be a topic for discussion at the April Monthly Meeting. PGK Tom Schmidt also informed us that the 2026 edition of the Race for Glory will take place at Buckeye Woods Park on Saturday August 29, 2026. Registration and Sponsorship forms will be available soon. Contact Tom Schmidt for more on the Race for Glory.

Our Advocate Matt Lower gave a Report on the progress made with COR (The Men's Faith Formation) and their activities and reading material. If you are interested in Joining the COR group, please contact Matt Lower.

The April Officers Meeting will take place on Thursday April 9, 2026 (April 2, 2026 is Holy Thursday) at the Medina District Library Room 2B. All Council 4168 Knights are welcome to attend.

Unfinished Business (motions carried over from previous meetings): No Old / Unfinished Business to discuss.

New Business (New Motions): No New Business to Discuss

Lecturer's Report: Let us listen to the Worthy Lecturer Brian Lombardi's Reflection: As we welcome this warmer weather, we're still in Lent and purifying ourselves in anticipation of Easter in just a little over 4 weeks. When it's cold and rainy outside, we can more easily relate to the sacrificial nature of the Lenten season, but when the sun comes out and the temperatures rise, we naturally turn more towards a perspective of Easter joy and rebirth. I'd like to share a story about a lay Carmelite named Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection that lived in France in the 16th century. Before joining the Carmelite community, he was a young man recovering mentally, physically and spiritually from a devastating war experience. His life was a mess and he was having difficulty in adjusting to life after war and putting all the tragedies he witnessed into perspective. When one day he came across a barren tree alone in a field about this time of the year. The tree was still gray and bare but he realized that this tree would soon be full of flowering buds and then thick green leaves and God spoke to him interiorly and reassured him that just like this barren tree, he still had hidden life inside of him and if he allowed himself to experience the Springtime of faith, he would again also blossom into the man God created him to become. This gave him the inspiration to turn around his life, and go to Paris and spend a life of serving God and his fellow man.

We have a similar calling to become the men that God created us to be. If you look in a mirror you see what God has created you to be but just partially. The fuller, more fruitful you is still in transformation. And that's what Lent is all about, it's that transformation in each of us from loved sinners, to motivated disciples. So we all should take some time here in the middle of Lent to ask ourselves where we're at with God and make the conscious decision to strive to take that next step closer to God.

Four challenges for the last four weeks of Lent:

- A. Talk with your family about your faith
- B. Pray to St Joseph on March 19th for the grace of transformation
- C. Talk to a stranger about your faith
- D. Talk to God about His plan for you

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	Jeffrey Donovan brother of DD Tom Donovan
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Nancy Blinkhorn	Bill Scheutow
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Betty Braskie	Kasper Family
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Reno Buca	Ed Martin (continuing Recovery)
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Rob Musial	Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan
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Brian Cerio Family	Ed Greer
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Debbie Coons	Joan Selby
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Andrea Kennex	Aiden Bugner
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Amber Doucet	Dan Galla
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Eric Uturo	Jerome Dietrich
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Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)	
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Wayne Boggs	Jessica Park Daughter in law of Mike Park
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Joseph Richards	Mary Maren (Stroke)
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Herman Dehring

Kim Ford friend of Steve Braskie

Lois Cathcart	Martha Anderson
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Mark and Lindsey Phillips	Success of Pope Leo
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Jim Sieniawski	Elizabeth Yoshida
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Closing Prayer: Recited the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michale McGivney

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM Motion by Vincent Arndt Second by Dan Cathcart Motion Passed and Meeting Adjourned.