



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

April 14, 2026

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - **excused**

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

Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - **present**

Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - **present**

Recorder: Jon Cwalina - **present**

Treasurer: Mark Shee - **excused**

Warden: Barry Norris - **present**

Advocate: Matt Lower - **present**

Inside Guard: Dave Swancer - **present**

Outside Guard: Michael Conley -

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 - **present**

Call to order: Meeting began at 7:03 p.m. All in attendance recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Grand Knight's Report:

Council 4168 Charitable Donations: In March, the Charity donations were discussed in the Officers Meeting, but tabled at the Monthly Meeting. So, in April we are ready to talk about charities. We will now read off all of the proposed 2026 charitable donations (after reading the 2026 charitable amounts, suggest a discussion. We must document any changes or revisions.). Some changes were made and documented in the email containing these minutes.

Cross Catholic Outreach Event - April 11, 2026: Report from Jennifer Webb:

I'm so happy to report that, thanks to the support of the Knights of Columbus, we were able to pack 55,080 rice and beans meals, and 6,000 macaroni and cheese meals on Saturday, April 11. We had participation from more than 400 volunteers, including some non-Catholic friends who read about the event in the Medina Weekly newspaper and came to lend a hand. We had about 200 volunteers at each of two three-hour shifts, and they worked so quickly and so well, that each shift completed their packing in just over an hour!

The rice-and-bean meals were picked up today and are on their way to the Cross Catholic Outreach warehouse in Florida. The macaroni and cheese meals are being distributed locally to St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady Help of Christians, Cups Cafe, Catholic Charities and Lodi Family Center. Project MUNCH will gratefully accept four unopened 25-pound bags of white rice, and about 20 pounds of dry elbow macaroni. We still need to find a place to take the leftover dehydrated pinto beans, rice, vegetables and soy protein from bags that were opened, but we ran out of meal bags to fill. I'm going to reach out to communities that serve Latinos, because I think they'd be more inclined to know how to use it. If we cannot find a place that can use them, we might just cook it up and offer a community meal where we eat like those we served.

Thank you again for the generosity of the Knights in sponsoring this event. I think it generated so much goodwill and concern for the poor, and people are eagerly asking if we will do it again. We are profoundly grateful for the steadfast support of the Knights as we work to extend Christ's mercy to our Medina neighbors...and beyond!

God bless you!

Jennifer

Knights of Columbus Council 4168 - Election of Officers - June, 2026: The Nomination of Officers will take place next Month on May 12, 2026 (Council 4168 Monthly Meeting) and the Election (and next Annual Term) takes place and starts on June 9, 2026. As everyone probably already knows, Our Grand Knight (Rick Dudas) will be stepping down and we need someone to lead the Council for the next year (or two). Does any Brother Knight in attendance, tonight, want to Lead our Council for the next Year? All Officer Positions ARE Available right now! Discussion? Knights of Columbus 2026 Ohio State Campout: The Ohio Knights of Columbus will be held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, OH on July 20-26, 2026. For more information, please contact either Tom Maren or Rick Dudas.

Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Apparel: Our Chancellor Dan Cathcart has been so gracious as to connect us with a supplier (Ann Furlong) of Men's Golf Shirts and long sleeve pullovers with the Council 4168 logo. Tonight is the last night to order this merchandise. See Tom Maren and/or Dan.

Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Bowling Team: Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Bowling Team, which took 2nd Place in the Lazor Insurance League at Medina Lanes for 2025-2026. The Bowling Team was led by PGK Tom Maren and the other Keglers were PGK Andy Swancer, Brian Coughlin, Mike Baumgartner, Dan Cathcart, Rick Rose, and WGK Rick Dudas.

Parking Easter Sunday 10:00 AM Mass: Easter Sunday Parking at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 10:00 AM Mass: Thank you to Steve Mehallo, Vincent Arndt, and Don Westphal, who helped to park the Worshipers at the 10:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.

A Century of Song - April 25 and 26 2026 - Medina United Methodist Church: At the April 26th concert the Medina Chorus in conjunction with The Sing Me a Story Foundation will be performing a song honoring Lexi inspired by a story from her brothers. Come check out this special event. Go to the Link or contact Brian Cerio (if Brian is attending, he can comment). Purchase tickets online (MedinaChorus.Com) or at the Door.

Donor Appreciation Brunch - Oasis of Hope - Saturday April 18, 2026 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Oasis of Hope has an Open House this Saturday if anyone is interested in attending. WGK attended last year and it was very nice and impressive.

Financial Report:

Charity: \$30,777.89

General: \$9,986.90

Gimme5: \$1,459.81

Troop 506: \$2,000.00

Clambake: \$607.28

Total: \$44,831.62

Membership Report: WGK Notes: Our Council has been contacted by two Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Prospects via our Website (MedinaKofC.Org): Davaris Jaali

Williams (who has signed up via the Supreme website and may be at the meeting) and Jacob Hawk. Worthy Membership Director Brian Lombardi, please give us your report and present applications for new Members and Transfers. (Call for a motion, discussion, and vote on admissions and transfers.) The applications are approved.

Other Reports: (The following reports are made as needed)

Worthy Chancellor Dan Cathcart, please report on upcoming events:

What a FANTASTIC turnout of Knights for the Cross Catholic Outreach w/over 400 volunteers to pack, seal & pallett 60,000 meals for third world's most needy! In the morning, I was blessed to see the following Knights & many w/their wives & children in beautiful hair nets!

Brian Feron, Matt Getz, Dave Fletcher, Rick Zachman, Jon Otto, Tom Schmidt, Steve Braskie, Vincent Arndt, John Cygan, Barry Norris, Mike Baumgartner, Dave Swancer, & Rick Niese and I am sure by no means did I catch everyone. Many Thanks brothers for making a difference in God's name!

Our next big event for your consideration is upcoming elections. I hope you will prayerfully discern for leadership roles as we approach the June elections! See attached details on roles.

Did you get your order in for KofC Spirit wear? The last call is at our Tuesday meeting! The Annual Race for Glory led by our PGK Tom Schmidt is looking for volunteers, runners, walkers & sponsors for this important event that benefits Special Olympics of Medina, Society for Handicapped Citizens, Integrated Community Solutions & our Knight's Charities! See the details attached. Please mark your calendars & reach Tom to volunteer & ask me to sponsor!

Lastly, we reviewed our Council's Charitable gifts for this year & now will need brother's help in delivering checks & snapping a photo w/our Giant Check to share on our FB site. Can you assist? Kevin Lynch or DGK will be leading this. Thanks brothers in advance for your help in sharing the Good News!

Unfinished Business (motions carried over from the previous meetings - Ask the Membership: If anyone has any OLD BUSINESS they want to bring up, otherwise move to New Business. The following motion was tabled at a prior meeting. I now reopen it for discussion and vote. The 'Ayes' have it. The motion is carried. The 'Nays' have it. The motion is lost.

New Business (new motions) - I will now entertain new motions. The motion is carried. The motion is lost. Need a Brother Knight to take the Lead on the Clambake this Fall: Order the Clams, Organize the volunteers, pickup/dropoff clams and equipment, order purchase supplies, take the orders, etc. What Kind of Fraternal Events can we organize?

Lecturer's Reflection: Let us listen to the Brian Lombardi and his Worthy Lecturer's Reflection. Brothers, "Christ is Risen" –"He is Risen Indeed!". This traditional Easter response is well known and passed down through the generations of the Church since about the 5th Century. I fondly remember Deacon Joe proclaiming that Truth and our joyful response at many Easter liturgies at the PAC years ago.

Implicit in that exchange between Christian believers in the Resurrection is also a message of what we call the Eighth Day otherwise known as the "Gateway to Eternity". We sometimes fail to remember that Easter isn't a one and done feast day, but a radical change in the way we live. Calling us back to biblical roots, we all know that God created the world in 7 days, and the number 7 represents completion and perfection. But 7 is the fullness of this world whereas the 8th day transcends us into unprecedented territory of what comes "After the Resurrection". Sabbath rituals and ceremonial laws such as the Feast of the Tabernacles in Leviticus and Numbers all pointed to the 8th day as a day of a new beginning.

After Jesus's Resurrection, the early Church Fathers marked every Sunday as the "eighth day"-representing the age to come. Many Cathedrals depict the 8th Day as the new life coming after Jesus's resurrection. And some of you may know that our baptismal fountains are all octagonal shaped to represent the transformative effects of Baptism after Jesus's Resurrection.

Fast forwarding to today, as Knights we have a great responsibility to redefine our lives after Easter. All of us should be looking forward to how God is wanting to transform us into a Resurrected soul! Here's a few suggestions to prayerfully consider: Just Smile & Pray: we are often met with resistance and difficulties in life. These pitfalls can derail our spiritual life unless we practice some self discipline to bring our troubles to God. The next time you are presented with a challenge, rather than react negatively, surprise the other person with a smile and pray quietly to yourself. I've been trying that lately and it produces amazing results. After reflecting on our KofC activities over the past few years, it seems like we have some opportunities, especially with all our new Knights to freshen up our charitable activities. If someone has some new ideas, please share them with Dan or one of our officers. Plan a change in your spiritual development during this exciting time of the Church year between Easter season. Perhaps you'd like to download the Exodus 90 app where we just started the "Weight of Glory Challenge" where we'll be taking a daily journey through the

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Closing prayer: We remember those who are sick or in distress. We remember those who continue to suffer and struggle in difficult times.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.