



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

June 9, 2026

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 - present

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 - present

3 Year Trustee: Brian Coughlin - excused

Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - excused

Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - excused

Call to order:

1. Council meeting began at 7:02 p.m. All in attendance recited the Lord's Prayer as well as the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A motion to Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes made by Kevin Wright; Second by Vincent Arndt; Motion Approved.

Chaplain's message: None.

Grand Knight's report:

3. **Field Day** - Thank you to 16 Brother Knights, including the organizer Brian Coughlin, who volunteered to help with the St. Francis Xavier Field Day event (cost \$1,110.10). Brian donated the leftover food and drinks to Cups Cafe. We received a very nice Thank You from retiring Principal Danene Beal. Next Year's Field Day Event has already been scheduled for Monday May 24, 2027 (one week before Memorial Day).
4. **Corpus Christi** - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ was celebrated on Sunday at St. Francis Xavier's Noon Mass. At least a dozen Brother Knights showed up wearing their colorful Golf Shirts. Our group had a Knights of Columbus banner and followed Father carrying the Monstrance with the Most Holy Eucharist in a procession of well over 100 people. Thank you to all of the Knights and families who joined us for the celebration of Corpus Christi.
5. **Patriotism Exemplification** - Coming up on July 25th. All Brothers who are not already a 4th Degree Knight are eligible. Details will be forthcoming from our District Master.
6. **Race for Glory** - August 29, 2026 at Buckeye Woods Park. Registration forms and Sponsorship forms were attached to last month's meeting minutes and will be attached to this month's minutes. Volunteers are still needed and if you do want to volunteer, please contact Tom Schmidt.
7. **Election of Officers - June 2026** - Tonight, as promised, we will be holding an Election of Officers for Council 4168. All Officer positions are available, with the exception of the Financial Secretary, which is an appointed position and will be held by Brother Steve Durbin for the next 3 years. Even though we currently have nominations for all Officer Positions, Brother Knights can be nominated for all offices tonight. The Officer nominations for all the positions are as follows:

A. Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - Nominated for 2026-2027: Vincent Arndt and Brian Lombardi.

- The grand knight is the council's chief executive officer. He is responsible for setting council goals and ensuring that all officers fulfill their duties in reaching these objectives. He presides over all meetings; appoints program and committee directors as needed; fills officer roles in the event of vacancies; countersigns checks and orders for payment; and oversees the council's degree team. Ideally, the grand knight should be a junior so that as a senior he can serve as a mentor for the next grand knight. The grand knight must complete the Safe Environment training.
- Motion to Elect Vincent Arndt made by Kevin Wright; Second by Tom Maren;
Vincent Arndt Elected Grand Knight for 2026-2027

B. Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - Nominated for 2026-2027: Kevin Lynch

- The deputy grand knight serves as the grand knight's right-hand man and fills in for the grand knight when he is not present. Some deputy grand knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the grand knight in leading the council and reaching council objectives. In some councils, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible grand knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the deputy grand knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interest (i.e. Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).
- Motion to Re-Elect Kevin Lynch Deputy Grand Knight made by Kevin Wright; Second By Tom Maren; **Kevin Lynch Re-Elected Deputy Grand Knight for 2026-2027**

C. Treasurer: Mark Shee - Nominated for 2026-2027: Gregg Finkler

- The treasurer is responsible for managing the council funds, whether in bank or school accounts. He receives money from the financial secretary and deposits funds into council accounts. He is also responsible for paying all council expenses. He also balances and verifies the ledger and keeps the updated budget approved by the council.
- Motion to Elect Gregg Finkler Treasurer made by Mark Shee; Second By Tom Maren; **Gregg Finkler Elected Treasurer for 2026-2027**

D. Chancellor: Dan Cathcart -Nominated for 2026-2027: Dan Cathcart

- The chancellor assists both the grand and deputy grand knights in the leading of the council by engaging and strengthening the council's membership. His primary responsibilities include recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up events that display the values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention committees.
- Motion to Re-Elect Dan Cathcart Chancellor made by Ed Bugner; Second by Kevin Wright; **Dan Cathcart Re-Elected Chancellor for 2026-2027**

E. Recorder: Jon Cwalina - Nominated for 2026-2027: Jon Cwalina

- The recorder has the responsibility of recording all meetings and events held by the council. He should record minutes, conversations and other information helpful to the council and prepare them to be distributed to the membership in a timely manner. Additionally, he should help with council event notifications, council meeting reminders, and assist with council social media responsibilities.
- Motion to Re-Elect Jon Cwalina Recorder made by Matt Lower; Second by Vincent Arndt; **Jon Cwalina Re-Elected Recorder**

F. Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - Nominated for 2026-2027: To Be Appointed by the Grand Knight

- The lecturer (AN APPOINTED POSITION) provides brief spiritual discourses and reflections during business meetings for the “Good of the Order”. If the lecturer cannot be present, he should appoint a council member to give the reflection for him.
- The Grand Knight for 2026-2027 will Appoint the Lecturer (**Stay Tuned**)

G. Advocate: Matt Lower - Nominated for 2026-2027: Matt Lower

- The advocate acts as council parliamentarian. He should be knowledgeable in Robert’s Rules of Order and Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials (#11620). He may seek legal assistance from the state advocate, should issues arise. The advocate should be able to.
- Motion to Re-Elect Matt Lower Advocate Made by Tom Maren; Second by Jon Otto; **Matt Lower Re-Elected Advocate for 2026-2027**

H. Warden: Barry Norris - Nominated for 2026-2027: John Cygan

- The warden is responsible for the property owned by the council. He is also in charge of setting up meetings and leads both the inside and outside guards. Many college councils utilize the warden and guards as custodians of the campus ministry property which may include raking leaves, shoveling snow and assisting with interior maintenance.
- Motion to Elect John Cygan Warden Made by Barry Norris; Second By Vincent Arndt; **John Cygan elected Warden for 2026-2027**

I. Inside Guard: Dave Swancer -Nominated for 2026-2027: Dave Swancer and Tony Prusinski (Before the Election, Dave Swancer respectfully declined the nomination).

- Motion to Elect Tony Prusinski made by Dave Swancer; Second by Matt Lower; **Tony Prusinski Elected Inside Guard for 2026-2027**

J. Outside Guard: Mike Conley - Nominated for 2026-2027: Jon Otto and Davaris Williams

- Motion to Elect Jon Otto and Davaris Williams made by Kevin Wright; Second by Tony Prusinski; **Jon Otto and Davaris Williams Elected Outside Guards for 2026-2027**
- The inside and outside guards carry out tasks given to them by the grand knight and follow the warden’s orders. They are responsible for checking membership cards and allowing entrance to meetings. Councils should consider appointing additional inside and outside guards, especially among promising freshmen, as this provides early leadership opportunities

K. Trustee (3 Year): Brian Coughlin - Nominated for 2026-2027: Tom Maren

- Motion to Elect Tom Maren Trustee - 3 Year Made By Vincent Arndt; Second By Gregg Finkler; **Tom Maren Elected Trustee - 3 Year**

L. Trustee (2 Year): Tom Maren - Nominated for 2026-2027: Andy Swancer

- Motion to Elect Andy Swancer Trustee - 2 Year Made By Dan Cathcart; Second By Jon Otto; **Andy Swancer Elected Trustee - 2 Year**

M. Trustee (1 Year): Andy Swancer - Nominated for 2026-2027: Rick Dudas

- Motion to Elect Rick Dudas Trustee - 1 Year Made by Ed Bugner; Second by Vincent Arndt; **Rick Dudas Elected Trustee - 1 Year**
- The trustees advise the grand knight, supervise the council's financial matters, and conduct the semiannual audits. Usually the immediate past grand knight will serve as a trustee. Some college councils utilize alumni members and/or university faculty members as the other two trustees to provide additional oversight and support.

8. Council 4168 Officers Elected on June 9, 2026 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

N. Grand Knight: Vincent Arndt

O. Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch

P. Treasurer: Gregg Finkler

Q. Chancellor: Dan Cathcart

R. Recorder: Jon Cwalina

S. Lecturer: To Be Appointed by the Grand Knight

T. Advocate: Matt Lower

U. Warden: John Cygan

V. Inside Guard: Tony Prusinski

W. Outside Guard: Jon Otto and Davaris Williams

X. Trustee - 3 Year: Tom Maren

Y. Trustee - 2 Year: Andy Swancer

Z. Trustee - 1 Year: Rick Dudas

Financial Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Charity: \$30,827.89

General: \$10,131.90

Gimme five: \$1,464.81

Troop 506: \$2,000.00

Clam bake: \$607.28

Total: \$45,031.62

Financial Secretary's Report: Worthy Financial Secretary, Please present any Bills not previously Approved for Payment (Rosaries for OLHC and Supplies) Motion to Pay Bills Raised By Kevin Blinkhorn; Second by Kevin Wright; Motion Approved.

Membership report: No Membership Report this month.

Other reports:

Chancellor's Report:

- Our Worthy Chancellor Dan Cathcart reported there is still a chance to Volunteer, Sponsor, and Participate in the Race for Glory on August 29, 2026 at 9:00 AM.
- Google Groups (our Knights of Columbus email group) is not being cooperative. Chancellor Dan wondered if we could use the website for email? Good question (WGK will check into this questionnaire). Jon Otto stated we could possibly use Flocknote to communicate amongst the membership. Jon has taken on this responsibility and will report back.

4th Degree Report:

Our Worthy 4th Degree Representative Tom Maren reported they were still tracking the Regalia turnouts, so reimbursement can be achieved to the Uniforms Purchased. In other news, a fellowship gathering will be held at the Hill and Dale Club. Assembly 1766 is also planning another Bourbon trip (Last Year the purchased a Barrel of bourbon from the New Riff Distillery. Lastly, Father Bob Jackson is now the Friar of Assembly 1766.

Unfinished business:

We discussed getting together to make a decision on the Herman Dorey funds (currently in a Money Market fund).

Lecturer's report: No Lecturer's Report this month.

Grand Knight's summary: WGK expressed appreciation and farewell statement regarding past two consecutive terms as Grand Knight, though he will still be on hand for most meetings.

Prayers:

Anonymous Donor - HM

Prayers for Our Country

Nancy Blinkhorn

Betty Braskie

Kara Hanna

Jeffrey Donovan brother of DD Tom Donovan

Bill Scheutow

Kasper Family

Dennis Kasper

Reno Buca	Ed Martin (continuing Recovery)
Rob Musial	Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan
Brian Cerio Family	Pete Meadows
Debbie and Bob Coons	Joan Selby
Andrea Kennex	Sharon Nemec
Amber Doucet	Dan Galla
Eric Uturo	Jerome Dietrich
Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)	
Wayne Boggs	Jessica Park Daughter in law of Mike Park
Joseph Richards	Mary Maren (Stroke)
Herman Dehring	Rebecca Derrona (Steve Braskie)
Kim Ford friend of Steve Braskie	
Lois Cathcart	Martha Anderson
Mark and Lindsey Phillips	Success of Pope Leo
Jim Sieniawski	Elizabeth Yoshida

Closing prayer: All in attendance joined in the Prayer for the Canonization of the Blessed Michael McGivney.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tom Maren; Second by Dan Cathcart; Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.