



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

July 14, 2026

Grand Knight: Vincent Arndt - Present
Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - Present
Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - Present
Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - Excused
Recorder: Jon Cwalina - present
Treasurer: Greg Finkler - Present
Warden John Cygan: Present
Advocate: Matt Lower - Excused
Inside Guard: Tony Prusinski - present
Outside Guard: John Otto – Present
Outside Guard: Davaris Williams - Excused
1 Year Trustee: Rick Dudas - Present
2 Year Trustee: Brian Coughlin - present
3 Year Trustee: Tom Maren - Present
Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - Excused
Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - Present

Call to order:

Meeting began at 6:59 p.m. All in attendance recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting minutes from last month's meeting were passed.

Grand Knight's Report:

I am happy to be here as your new Grand Knight and I would like to thank Rick Dudas for being a great Grand Knight and for helping me take on this new role. We have many topics to discuss today but please bear with me while I figure out how to be a Grand Knight. I am looking to do as much as I can in this coming year since I may start at the Seminary in Fall

of 2027 so I may be asking a lot of this council but I hope we can help as many people as we can in the process.

Election of Officers for Council 4168 in 2026:

I would like to congratulate all of our newest council members as well as a thank you to everyone that took on an officer role. I am excited to see new members joining the ranks as well as the younger crowd in hopes of them bringing in more of the youth to our council. I see a lot of potential here.

Installation of Officers: I spoke with our District Deputy David Heilman and we would like to hold a ceremony for an Installation of Officers. We would like to hold it at Camp Paradise and David said that we can have it at the same time we usually have our Knights or Officers meeting or we can choose another day.

Directors and Lecturer for Council 4168 in 2026: I am looking to appoint directors to assist in all aspects of the Knights of Columbus activities and events. We will need a Community Director (Tony Prusinski), Faith Director (Matt Lower), Family Director (Jon Otto), Life Director (Tom Maren), Membership Director (Brian Lombardi), and Program Director (Kevin Lynch). I am looking to Kevin Lynch to take over as Program Director to assist the other directors. I would like Brian Lombardi to continue as the Membership Director and the Lecturer.

Patriotism Exemplification: The Exemplification will be held on August 22nd, 2026. All brothers who are not already a 4th Degree Knight are eligible. Details will be forthcoming from our District Master.

Breakfast with Santa - December 6th, 2026: We are looking to put on the Breakfast with Santa again on Sunday December 5th. We need to find the suit which I will look in the storage area to see if it can be located. We will have it in the SFX basement. We will need about 10 volunteers to help with setup, cooking, serving, cleanup, and someone to dress as Santa (Matt Lower). Will need to speak with Steve Durban to find out what the previous ticket prices were and to decide on the amount. 6 dollars for adults, 3 dollars for kids, and 25 dollars for a family. Jon Otto will be heading this event and Kevil will co-chair. There will be one after 8am Mass and one after 10am Mass.

Race for Glory – August 29th, 2026: The Race for Glory charity run is right around the corner. We are still looking for anyone that can sponsor the race. We are also looking for more people to sign up for the run. I will be running the 5k and

would love to see more of you guys out there. We are also looking for volunteers. Tom, Rick, and I will be setting up the paths in the morning but I am sure there are still plenty of positions available to volunteer at.

Knights of Columbus Clam Bake – September 19th, 2026: The clam bake is being put on by Kevin Wright and Jim. The clam bake will be held at Camp Paradise which has already been booked. We need to figure out what price we want to set this year as the profit has been slowly decreasing. We also need a place for the money to be sent for orders as we were losing some in the mail due to the switch in where we are located.

Knights of Columbus State Tour: The State Tour was done over the weekend. Many of our councils have been getting record numbers of new members and awards. There were 86 Star Councils this year. We donated over 14 thousand to the Seminary where Father Eric accepted this donation. We will also be putting in a Blessed Father McGivney Chapel at Sorrowful Mother Shrine that will include a 3rd class relic of Father McGivney. They ask that we donate to this cause. We donated 750 dollars.

Knights of Columbus Sweepstakes Fundraiser: This is a fundraiser to help raise money for the Knights including our own council. Refer to attachments for more information.

Knights of Columbus Star Council Award: There are now new requirements to be a Star Council award winner. David and I will be going over this next week and I will keep everyone updated.

Knights of Columbus Council 4168 FlockNote: Thanks to the help of Jon and Kevin we now have a FlockNote group. I will continue sending out information through the email but we are hoping to transition to FlockNote to make reaching out easier in the future. Is anyone willing to lead this project? Jon Otto will be leading this project.

Cross Catholic Outreach Thank You: We have received a thank you from Cross Catholic outreach. Refer to attachments for the letter.

Financial Report:

Charity: \$26,828.89

General: \$8,900.00
Gimme5: \$1,465.00
Troop 506: \$2,000.00
Clambake: \$607.28

Total: \$39,801.17

Membership Report: We have a goal of 12 new members this year. We currently have 6 prospects. 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:

We have a new Faithful Navigator for the 4th degree Knights which is John C.

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. Brian brought up a Medina magazine that we will have an article on and we discussed getting subscriptions. Motion Passed.

Lecturer's Reflection: Let us listen to the Brian Lombardi and his Worthy Lecturer's Reflection. We have the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the celebration on The Sacred Blood of Jesus.

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. Perhaps you'd like to download the Exodus 90 app where we just started the "St. Michaels Lent". You can download the App for a trial period and see how you like it.

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 8:10 p.m.