



## Knights of Columbus Meeting – Minutes

Council 5043

November 3, 2025

Parish Hall – 6:00 –

Lecturer - Proceeds with the Good of the Order-

Call to Order –

Warden’s Report on Membership Card – All are cardholders.

Opening Prayer –

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney-

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag –

Officers for 2025-2026

Grand Knight – Jed Skogerboe	P	D G K – Johnny Klaschen,	P	
Financial Secretary – Elliott Smith	P	Recorder – Paul Katzfey,	P	
Treasurer – Mark Ingwersen	P	Chancellor –Carlos Madrilas,	NP	
Warden – Jim Peterson,	P	Lecturer – Dale Vortherms,	P	
Advocate – Jim Miller,	P	Inside Guard – Dave Kollasch,	P	
Outside Guard – Nile Skogerboe,	NP	Chaplain – Fr. Guenther,	NP	
Trustees: Brian Nokleby, P	/	Mark Maeyaert, NP	/	Larry Chapman, P

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Distributed by e-mail. Motion by Miller to approve minutes; Kollasch second; carried.

**Chaplain’s Report:** Upcoming COR meetings Nov. 10 and Nov. 24 in the small room off the Narthex. 6:30 a.m.

**Grand Knight’s Report** –

- Thanks to all that helped with the **soup and dessert event** yesterday. Had lots of help. PSA on radio helped for last second sales.
- **Dave Kollasch** did a great job of planning, organizing and executing our main event, and was provided a round of applause. He demurred in humility, elevating his soup team members, similar to Philippians 2:3-4.

**Upcoming events:**

- **December meeting** on 12/1 will be in a classroom.

**Treasurer’s Report: Balance \$9,371.35.** Since last meeting \$2,000 to Zach Steffens; \$2,000 to St. Joseph, for Zach Steffens; \$100 to Kollasch for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform Reimbursement. **Soup sale** deposits \$6,695. Expenses \$2,166.57, plus DCN ads \$300, **nets \$4,228.43.** Tootsie update \$2,735 plus extra sold. Cost of Tootsies was \$160. Miller said there is a push for this money to go mostly to Special Olympics. Jed Skogerboe and Klaschen

to handle. Payment to Miller for donuts for exemplification \$7.96. Miller motion to approve treasurer's report; Nokleby second; carried.

**Reading of Bills and Communications:** Nabuco motion to pay all bills; Vortherms second; carried.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Cards sent to all honorary members.

**Report of Service Programs from Chairmen:**

- Need people to step up and fill a Program Director, Community Director and Family Director roles for our council to comply with the Safe Environment Program – requires a 45-minute training session (online) and the last two also will have background checks. All currently in compliance. Will be required again in late 2026.

**Unfinished (Old) Business:**

- **Coats for Kids** – teen coats – 12 assorted \$340.24 (\$28.36 ea) boys or girls; youth coats 12 assorted \$283.38 (\$23.62 ea) – should we include daycare centers with toddler coats? Grand Knight suggested rotating teen coats and youth coats among the schools in Spirit Lake, Lake Park and Terril, and ordering them from Knightsgear.com. Remember the September [2 for 1] sale. We have already received about half of the \$1,000 needed for this project. Daycare idea tabled.

**New Business:**

- **New member** recruitment. Keep this at the forefront to grow the Council.
- **Next Exemplification** is 1/11/26 – do we start **charging other councils** a minimal fee to cover food and coffee costs? Curt Smith motion to ask for a donation from other councils for this; Mathine second; carried. Post meeting, **Miller asked if any members, and specifically any younger members, could become substitute readers at the exemplifications.**
- December meeting – quick review of final soup results, Christmas Party with wives & kids attending – need a head count by 11/20 if we choose to do this. Suggested to move this potential gathering to January. Miller suggested a **pizza party for families.** Tabled until December meeting.
- food gift cards? Ingwersen motion to **donate \$500 to UDMO** now, with perhaps \$500 later; Miller second; carried. Klaschen to get with UDMO for check photo opp.
- Schrunk said the Downtown Church in Milford is looking for donations to help those in need at another food bank locally.
- Jed Skogerboe asked if we should **raise our membership dues.** Views on both sides of this question. Tabled for now.
- Nokleby mentioned a family in Spencer still homeless after the flood. We discussed a challenge donation with District Councils.
- We will have the fishbowl at the back table at the Masses, for **Coats for Kids donations.** And we need a member to monitor Saturday night Mass. Seed money is in 2nd drawer.
- Nokleby motion to **give a shirt to each new member;** Miller second; carried.

**Field Agent's Report:** Waterhouse absent, but asked to share the attached information on two upcoming online **Fraternal Benefit Events webinars.**

**District Deputy's Report:** Miller was pleased to report that **we have achieved Star Council for 2025.** He would like to see a **display case** of KC awards, etc., and has discussed it with Fr. Hemann, who is presenting it to the church committee. Miller said it was good to hear lots of laughter in the meeting. We need to wear our shirts the first Sunday of the month, and officers wear medals, to **enhance recruitment,** especially among the younger gentlemen of the parish.

**Prayer for the Sick:** Prayer intentions for all members and parishioners in need

**Prayer for Vocations:** see handout.

If someone would like to present any other business to the Council please speak now, otherwise I would like to ask for a motion of adjournment. Miller motion to adjourn; Nabuco second; carried. Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

**Closing Prayer**

*Minutes by Paul Katzfey, Recorder*