



Knights of Columbus Meeting – Minutes

Council 5043

February 2, 2026

Parish Hall

Lecturer - Proceeds with the Good of the Order-

Call to Order – 6:08 p.m.

Warden’s Report on Membership Card – All present with card.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Distributed by e-mail. Miller motion to accept distributed minutes; Nile Skogerboe second; Carried.

Chaplain’s Report: Had **COR** this morning and got through the 10-session series on Fr. McGivney. Coming up will be Into the Breach focusing on masculinity and fatherhood. 6:30 a.m. every other Monday, with the **next COR meeting Feb. 16**. Lent begins in 2 weeks, so it is good to prepare now. Also, we viewed a **video on Christopher Holzman**, a young man from our diocese who had a life-threatening accident and could be the 2nd Miracle for Sainthood of Fr. McGivney. Brother Hernani has sent a link to the video separately and you are encouraged to watch it.

Grand Knight’s Report –

- Thanks to all that participated in the email vote to provide a **\$500 donation to the Cherish Center Baby Bottle project**. Thank you from them was distributed.

- **Congratulations to Rob Waterhouse** for earning the Sioux City Diocese Top Recruiter Award. Waterhouse stressed a continued focus on new members and how that helped our council get Star Council last year.
- **Coats for Kids** – many organizations now doing this, we may need to adjust how we move forward – we have \$\$ leftover from 2025. Fr. Dan said he can take the extra coats to St. Joseph clothing room for distribution to those in need.
- Thanks to all that attended the **New Year Celebration** – suggestions for improvement appreciated – should we have a summer event in July? Discussion on meals, with Fr. Dan saying we should take advantage of the visitors and do a breakfast soccer tourney weekend in June. Miller suggested a 4th Degree Honor Guard the weekend of Fourth of July.
- **Thanks** to those that helped with the Exemplification, FT Contest & Chili Cook-off

Upcoming events:

- **District FT Competition on February 15** – Katzfey said we had a perfect amount of help for the local competition last month and could use about 12 guys to help rebound and score for the Districts, 12 noon practice and 12:30 competition. Text him if you can help 712 330 6371; shouldn't take much more than an hour. Only 4 Knights have committed so far.
- **Fish Fry** Events during Lenten Season – 2/20, 27 and 3/6, with CDA helping on salads and desserts. **Waterhouse asked each knight to commit** to at least one of the dates using Sign Up Genius. Help prepare starting at 1 p.m. and/or help with the event starting about 4 p.m. Prices are unchanged - \$12, \$6, or \$30 family since we secured sponsorships including Central Bank, Kuhlman, Trautman, Vortherms, Ingwersen, Jennings. Motion by Fr. Dan to reimburse those who spent cash on the trailer rehab; Chapman second; Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$6,718.96, with \$2,500 check to State of Iowa Special Olympics still outstanding. Deposits: \$750 sponsorship; \$400 Zach reimbursement. Checks: Katzfey for FT certificates \$21.40; Nokleby for chili \$15.22; Miller for medals \$5.50; Jed Skogerboe \$185.84 and \$107.45. **The \$185 figure is a charge to Fareway. The \$107 is a reimbursement.**

Reading of Bills and Communications: Miller motion to pay bills; Nokleby second; Carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: DUES ARE DUE. Biannual form 990 submitted. Nile Skogerboe motion to accept Venmo payments for dues; Miller second; Carried.

Report of Service Programs from Chairmen:

Unfinished (Old) Business:

- Many donations presented in December – CY '25 donations = \$16,570; additional \$7,500 distributed from 2024 income

New Business:

- **New member recruitment.** Waterhouse said we should always be asking parishioners if they have thought about joining. We have 2 e-members now who don't want to join.
- Disburse **Zach refund** of \$400? He will need a black suit and clerics in Italy. Fr. Dan suggested a pancake breakfast for him in summer. Tabled.
- Fish Fry Events – **new trailer** ready to go – thanks to Dave, Denny, Rob and Johnny.
- Rob and his team have received **\$6K plus in sponsorship donations** for the Fish Fry – nice job! Fr. Dan motion to give 10 tickets as honorary sponsor to Kevin Kuhlman for all his help with the trailer; Wegelin second; Carried.
- **Jed Skogerboe was recognized** for his years of service to the Board of Directors of the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation.

Field Agent's Report: Waterhouse presented a **plaque to Dennis Kurth** for his 40 years of exemplary service to the Knights of Columbus. He is in Luverne and plans to work in Brandon when that store is completed in 2027.

District Deputy's Report: Miller to attend **scholarship presentation** with Waterhouse to describe availabilities to students; deadline on ours is March 20 and we will provide up to two at \$500 each. Also **state convention** in Des Moines is April 10-12 and we can have two delegates, besides Waterhouse and Fr. Dan who are going. Reimbursement is available. He stressed we should help those Knights who are not involved – the **Knights In Name Only** – to realize the growth and unity provided by greater involvement. Wegelin motion to have Miller order two 5-quart high temp intensity pans for the kitchen at \$25 each plus shipping; Ingwersen second; Carried.

Prayer for the Sick: Prayer intentions for all members and parishioners in need. Surgery for Jed Skogerboe's brother Wednesday. Another family member had a heart attack and did not survive.

Prayer for Vocations:

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; Nokleby second; Carried. **Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.**

Closing Prayer

Minutes by Paul Katzfey, Recorder

Revision by Jed Skogerboe 2/3/26