



Knights of Columbus Meeting – Minutes

Council 5043

March 2nd, 2026

Parish Hall – starting time, 6:00 p.m. (Actual 6:05 p.m.)

Please remember to wear your KC shirt to Mass the first Sunday of every month to highlight our order and to encourage new members.

Call to Order –

Warden’s Report on Membership Card – All confirmed as card holding.

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	P	Lecturer – Dale Vortherms	P
Advocate – Jim Miller	P	Inside Guard – Dave Kollasch	P
Outside Guard – Nile Skogerboe	NP	Chaplain – Fr. Dan Guenther	P
Trustees: Brian Nokleby NP / Mark Maeyaert NP / Larry Chapman P			

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Distributed by e-mail. Some indicated they did not receive last month’s minutes, so they will be included this month. Motion to approve minutes by Kollasch; Fr. Dan second; carried.

Chaplain’s Report: Fr. Dan invited all present to the twice-monthly **COR meetings**, with the current sessions focusing on Into the Breach (fatherhood and masculinity). He discussed the State Convention, and **needing another Knight to attend**, along with Rob Waterhouse. He is also putting together an **Okoboji Silent Auction** package. And he reminded everyone of the **Diocesan Men’s Conference** March 21 in LeMars.

Grand Knight's Report –

Upcoming events:

- Fish Fry Events – third and final Friday, 3/6. **Need much more help** if the crowd is similar. Week 1 we served 175 and week 2, 245.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Kollasch to **split the cost of rosaries** by Zach Steffens, with the Knights covering \$150; second by Chapman; carried. Still have some funds to reimburse **Fourth Degree attire**.

Reading of Bills and Communications: Ingwersen concerned about **outstanding check** to Special Olympics written Dec. 8. Need to confirm if that was the check given to the school, and ask that coordinator. Payments to be made for ad and t-shirts when cost confirmed; current on fish fry expenses except for those two. **Balance is \$10,995.57**, but with outstanding Special Olympics check it is actually \$8,495.57. Motion by Kollasch to approve bills; second by Wegelin; carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Elliott Smith requested all to **pay dues**. Tri-State is printing **membership cards**, which should be available next month.

Report of Service Programs from Chairmen:

- Free Throw Competition – Paul Katzfey said we had just enough help for the District competition, so now it's on to Regionals for many competitors.
- Fish Fry – Rob Waterhouse and Andrew Vortherms

Unfinished (Old) Business:

- Summer Events, discussion.
- Katzfey read email from Cynthia to Jed about Ben Steffens asking if the Knights could do a **meal July 12 for Zach**. Skogerboe suggested pulled pork and coleslaw after 10:30 Mass July 12 for Zach. Tabled.

New Business: Kollasch said his neighbor Robert Egan is interested in **becoming a Knight**. Also, Jim Peterson said he was picking up the snow pile detritus and noticed lots of sticks and leaves. Skogerboe to put a request in the bulletin for **grounds clean up** help from all parishioners at 9 a.m. March 28. Kollasch to bring a dump trailer, and guests should bring rakes. We will provide donuts and coffee. Rain date April 4.

Field Agent's Report: Rob Waterhouse remotely indicated he would **secure the oil** for the fish fry, since we are getting low. **More help is needed** for this Friday's final fish fry.

District Deputy's Report: Jim Miller clarified that there is now **one audit and one worksheet** required, not two audits, and Elliott Smith concurred. He requested that the minutes include a note at the top reminding members to **wear KC shirts to Mass** the first Sunday of every month

to spread the good news about the Knights of Columbus. At the **scholarship meeting** he learned that ours is the easiest to apply for and secure. Most award them in the second semester, and some only pay it directly to the school, not the student. Also, the CDA award two scholarships at \$1,000 each, and so does Milford KCs. Miller asked that we **consider revising our rules** in the future. Tabled. There was discussion of a large \$20,000 balance with Milford KCs. Ingwersen said it was completely **wrong to hold on to that type of balance** when the money could immediately be put to good use in the community and parish. Miller also asked if we wanted to request a quota for doing an exemplification (1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree). Miller motion to institute a **minimum of 5 needed to perform an exemplification** (unless all are from our parish); second by Nichols; carried.

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.

Kollasch motion to adjourn; second by Chapman; carried.

Adjourned 7:27 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Minutes by Paul Katzfey, Recorder