



Knights of Columbus Meeting – Minutes

Council 5043

April 6, 2026

Parish Hall – 6:00 p.m.

Please remember to wear your KC shirt to Mass the first Saturday/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	P	D G K – Johnny Klaschen	P
Financial Secretary – Elliott Smith	NP	Recorder – Paul Katzfey	NP
Treasurer – Mark Ingwersen	P	Chancellor –Carlos Madriles	NP
Warden – Jim Peterson	P	Lecturer – Dale Vortherms	NP
Advocate – Jim Miller	NP	Inside Guard – Dave Kollasch	P
Outside Guard – Nile Skogerboe	P	Chaplain – Fr. Dan Guenther	P
Trustees: Brian Nokleby P / Mark Maeyaert P / Larry Chapman P			

April 6, 2026 at St Mary's Parish Hall

The meeting was held following the scheduled spaghetti dinner and covered the standard agenda items for Council 5043.

Attendance

The following officers/members were noted as absent:

Elliott Smith

Jim Miller

Carlos Madriles

Dale Vortherms

Guest Presentation

Josh Zigrang was unable to attend. Discussion was held regarding the Young Catholics group that meets monthly between St. Joseph and St. Mary's. The group hopes to grow its program and is seeking funding support. It was noted that Catholic Daughters donated \$1,000 and St. Joseph's KoC Council also contributed with the same amount. Discussion included concern about possible overlap with Council activities, though members commented that the two groups are complementary and providing support could ultimately contribute to new members joining the council. No action was taken at this time, and the matter will be revisited when Josh is able to attend and speak to the Council directly.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Chaplain's Report

Cor continues to meet and will meet again next week at 6:30 AM.

Preparations are underway for the State Convention; the hotel is already sold out.

Knights of Columbus Day at the Grotto is being organized by Fr. Girres for the first Sunday of August.

A pilgrimage to Italy is also being organized. Around 100 people are already committed, and the trip can accommodate up to 120 pilgrims.

Grand Knight's Report

Thanks were extended to Johnny Klaschen for covering in Jed's absence, and to those those who participated in the Fraternal Benefit webinar two weeks ago.

Rob Waterhouse noted that the webinar is also available online on demand for those interested.

KoC Free Throw Championship concluded with a local participant having placed second at State. A Special Olympics event will take place on April 14. Honor Guard participation was requested, and brother knights were encouraged to attend. Their annual fundraiser "Get Up and Bowl" will be held on April 19.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported:

Current balance: \$12,083.02

No outstanding checks remain.

Received a bill from Tri-State Litho for thank-you cards.

Fish fry expenses included two invoices to reimburse Rob Waterhouse for \$327.76 and Andrew Vortherms for \$283.01

Net profit reported around \$7,800, mainly due to strong sponsorship received by local businesses

Chili cook-off expense of \$108 and spaghetti expense of \$82, both to Jed Skogerboe

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Dave, seconded by Nile, and approved by all.

Financial Secretary's Report

A few membership cards were distributed prior to the meeting

Chairmen's Reports

It was noted that members may need to be assigned to required commissions, pending follow-up with Jim Miller to verify which are vacant if at all.

Unfinished Business

Summer Event

Discussion continued regarding a summer fraternal event. Ideas included extending the invitation to families, reserving a boat. Possibly using the barge from Barefoot Bar.

Meal to Send Off Zach Steffen

Discussion was held about hosting a send-off meal for Zach Steffen before he leaves in July for a two-year assignment. Breakfast or lunch options were discussed, with catering seen as the most practical route, possibly serving pulled pork or chicken. It was later noted that the parish is already organizing something, likely on July 12, so no further action was taken at this time.

New Member Recruitment

An exemplification is planned for May 9. Five candidates are needed to confirm the event, and there are currently four prospects.

New Business

Get Up and Bowl Sponsorship

Sponsorship levels were reviewed:

Gold Sponsor: \$1,000

Silver Sponsor: \$600

Team Sponsor: \$200

Other donation amounts are also welcome

Funds raised go to support local athletes. It was also noted that there will be a silent auction at the event. The council discussed dedicating all of the proceeds from the Tootsie Roll fundraiser to create a new tier sponsorship level and encourage more institutions to contribute at higher amounts.

A motion by Fr. Dan to donate \$1,000 as a Gold Sponsor was seconded by Robert Nichols and approved.

It was also noted that there will be four bowling times, with 12 lanes available, and each team may have up to six players.

Birthright Donation

Members discussed Birthright's success in reducing abortions by offering ultrasounds and showing mothers their babies.

Fr. Dan moved to donate \$500 to Birthright, Nile seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Cossacks for Zach

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of cossacks for Zach, with estimated cost of at least

\$300–\$400. It was noted that the parish may contribute toward this expense, so the Council agreed to check before taking action.

UDMO Donation

UDMO was discussed as a program helping provide meals for children whose parents are working.

Nile moved to donate \$500, Brian Nokleby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Scholarships

Members noted that last year's scholarship amount was \$500, while Catholic Daughters and St. Joseph had each given \$1,000. Rob Nichols moved to set the scholarship at \$750. After discussion about rising college costs, Dave moved to amend the amount to \$1,000, Hernani seconded, and the Council approved the \$1,000 amount.

Graduation Breakfast

The Council discussed the graduation breakfast for seniors and their families. Omelets will be prepared, and all ingredients have already been donated.

Senior Center Donations

Jed shared that the Senior Center is operating on a tight budget and could use donations. Fr. Dan reminded members that Lake Park also has a Senior Center, and many of its residents are members of the parish.

Brian moved to donate \$500 to each Senior Center, Nile seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

State Convention Delegates

The Council assigned Rob Waterhouse and Fr. Dan as delegates to the State Convention.

KoC Shirts

Dave Kollasch shared that Curt Smith, who has handled ordering KoC shirts until then, would like to delegate the responsibility to someone else. Dave Kollasch volunteered to take it on. Johnny mentioned that he would also like long-sleeve shirts.

Fish Fry Trailer Expenses

It was reported that four members had each personally contributed \$250 toward the trailer. Those members requested not to be reimbursed, but instead asked that a donation be made to Zach Steffen. Rob Waterhouse made the motion, Doug Ricke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dave also submitted \$834.96 in plumbing expenses to improve trailer safety against carbon monoxide. Nile moved approval, Fr. Dan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Brian then moved to reimburse Dennis \$250 for the cooker, Dave seconded, and the motion passed.

Field Agent's Report

Rob Waterhouse thanked all who volunteered, attended, and brought desserts for the fish fry events. He reported:

33 adult volunteers

24 youth volunteers

He noted that sponsorships were a major help with cash flow, especially because cash was needed before the event to fund the fish purchases and some brothers had already fronted trailer costs. He also gave a shout-out to Columbia magazine, specifically page 7, for its article on family finance.

Other Business

Jim Peterson noted that the Council had previously discussed helping with spring cleanup at St Mary's on March 28th, but only five brothers showed up. He thanked those who participated.

Adjournment

Fr. Dan moved to adjourn, Nile seconded, and all voted in favor.

Minutes by Hernani Nabuco