



MEETING: 8 JAN 2026

Council was called to order at: 6:35 pm by DGK Luke Gleissner

Prayer was offered by: Luke Gleissner

Pledge of Allegiance

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Motion to approve last meeting's minutes passed. Minutes posted online to Council's website.

Faith Director Report: by Dan Wagner (see attached)

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- We are highly encouraged to attend the Proudly Pro-Life dinner and the State House march on Saturday. We have two tables (16 seats) but not a lot of Knights have expressed interest in going. We will invite at St Thomas More. We can attend the private reception at 5PM and the dinner at 6PM. All Republican candidates for governor will be there. The event will be held at the Convention Center.
- We are also encouraged to attend the Stand Up for Life march on Saturday at the State House.
- We have surpassed \$1,200 in private donations for the Proudly Pro-Life dinner, which exceeds the cost of the tables. Excess funds received will be donated to SCCFL. The council will not need to donate from council funds (up to \$1,200 was approved at the last meeting.)

Financial Report: by Dan Wagner (see attached)

- Note: no Treasurer's report was presented at the meeting
- Checking balance: \$n/a
- 6 month CD balance: \$n/a
- 12 month CD balance: \$n/a
- 12 month CD balance: \$n/a
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$3,607.03
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$4,470.00

Membership Report: by Dave McGlaufflin

- We have one exemplification planned for Mario Conte.
- Josh Miller is a new transfer being considered.
- David Jones was proposed as a new member by Gary. He is an active member of the parish and was highly recommended by Gary. He has worked with St Vincent de Paul and has expressed interest in joining. A motion to approve his membership was voted on and passed.

Youth Report:

- n/a

Pro-Life Report:

- n/a

Report of Fourth Degree:

- n/a

Trustees' Report:

- n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- A message from the insurance agent was read as follows:
"Brothers,



Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026! Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row.

What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors.

Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, ask for Micah's contact information."

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- n/a

Chaplain's Message:

- n/a

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- The SVdP food drive was the most successful yet and yielded approx. 6,000 pounds of food. Rick Gleissner thanked the council for the support. Dan pointed out that we can get a rebate from National based upon our support of a food pantry. When we get it, we will donate it back to SVdP.
- Justin DeMask (our seminarian) has been ordained. We are working towards adopting a new seminarian.
- Dan mentioned the ongoing raffle for the State Charity Drive. If we sell enough tickets we will get a rebate from the State Council.

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Dan spoke on the upcoming Shrove Tuesday supper on 2/17 and asked for volunteers for setup, cooking and cleanup. Work will begin at 3PM. This is not a fundraiser for the council, it is for the parish. We expect the largest group to show up around 5:30-6:00 or so.
- The State Convention is 5/1-3 in Greenville. We are supposed to nominate 2 delegates and 2 alternates by January 31. Let Dan know if you would like to attend. We are also encouraged to take out a ¼ page ad in the bulletin for \$120 to help pay for the Convention. Dan made a motion to fund this which was voted on and approved.

Lecture Reflection: n/a

- A reflection was offered for the Good of the Order by Eddie Roberts on his trip to the ecumenical prayer center in Taize, France. He reflected on a passage from Isaiah 55 which is an encouragement to people in distress. He mentioned that Governor McMaster has declared January as Ecumenical Month.

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the attached list of Brothers and family members in your prayers.
- Jim Ewing asked to be added to the list, as he will be undergoing surgery soon.

Closing prayer was offered by: Luke Gleissner at 7:20pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
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Recorder

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Faith Director's Report

We are in the Season of Christmas until Monday, January 12.
Ordinary Time begin on Monday, January 12.

- Jan 1** **Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation**
Church Office Closed
- Jan 2 First Friday
- Jan 3 First Saturday Mass at 8:30 AM
- Jan 3-4** **The Epiphany of the Lord**
I Care, I Share Weekend
- Jan 8** **Business Meeting, 6:30 PM Blossom Street House**
- Jan 9 Proudly Pro-Life Dinner
- Jan 10 SC Stand Up for Life March and Rally
- Jan 10-11** **The Baptism of the Lord**
- Jan 11 *Triumph of the Heart* movie screening – Donor Hall at 2 & 7 PM
- Jan 13 Fr. O'Steen's Birthday
- Jan 17-18** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Jan 19 MLK, Jr. Holiday
Church Office Closed
Mass 7:30 AM
- Jan 20-22 Priest Convocation - *No Masses*
- Jan 23 School Ecumenical Prayer Service (9:00 AM)
- Jan 24-25** **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Second Collection: Church in Latin America
- Jan 25-31 Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 26 National March for Life – Washington DC
- Jan 31 Run with the Saints 5K and Fun Run
Divine Auction – School Fundraiser
- Jan 31-Feb 1** **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A Look Ahead

- Feb 5** **Business Meeting, 6:30 PM Blossom Street House**
- Feb 17** **Shrove Tuesday Parish Pancake Supper – Knights Prepare & Serve**

Adoration, in the Adoration Room, on Tuesdays following morning Mass (8:00 AM – 12:00 noon); Benediction at 12:15 PM.

Men's Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 AM in Senior Center, MAB.

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Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

December 2025 (received after December Meeting)

1. Christmas Ornament Sales	\$1,200.00
2. Unrestricted Donation (Ornament Sale)	\$ 10.00
3. Unrestricted Donation (Gary Bettin – St. Thomas More Dinner)	\$ 25.00

TOTAL -----
\$1,235.00

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4. Christmas Ornament Sales	\$1,300.00
5. Unrestricted Donation (Ornament Sale)	\$ 20.00
6. CC Christmas Ornament Sales (Vanco)	\$3,150.00

TOTAL -----
\$4,470.00

Vouchers

1. Chemart Company (Ornaments)	\$3,146.78
2. K of C SC State Council (<i>per capita</i> : 1/1 – 6/30 / 2026)	\$ 247.50
3. K of C Supreme Council (<i>per capita</i> : 1/1 – 6/30 / 2026)	\$ 212.75
4. SC Citizens for Life – Proudly Pro-Life Dinner	\$ TBD

TOTAL -----
\$3,607.03 +

NOTES:

Dues are \$36.00.

State Charity Drive Raffle Tickets suggested donation is \$20.00

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due by January 31, 2026.

Sick or Distressed Members

Bernie Corbett (brother of PGK Jim Corbett)

Laddy Gatling

James Kinard

Paul Osemene

Frank Toth

Terry McWaters

Michelle Bissonette (wife of Ray Bissonette)

Linda Sue Ewing (wife of Jim Ewing)

Bill Mason

Bill Jackson (father-in-law of Will Hawthorne)

Treasurer's Report – Robb Wiggs, Jr, Treasurer
January 8, 2026 (received after the conclusion of the Business Meeting)

TD Bank

Checking:	\$ 8,888.05
CD 8147:	\$ 2,218.27
CD 7436 :	\$ 2,203.87
CD 0670:	\$ 2,210.32
TOTAL:	\$15,520.51

One deposit made (\$1,295.00); Three checks (1036, 1037 & 1038) cleared.

Membership Report Update – Dave McGlaufflin, Membership Director
January 13, 2026

Per our discussion at the last meeting, this is what I have so far for this fraternal year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Exemplification Date</u>
1. Chase Asmer	Week of 9/22/25/ - 9/26/25
2. Matthew Coleman	10/02/25
3. Pat Slattery	10/29/25
4. Mario Conte	TBD
5. David Jones	TBD

They may not be counting Brother Chase because he went through the ceremony at another Council (724.) We should be good for our goal whenever we complete this next exemplification