



MEETING: 4 JUN 2026

Council was called to order at: 6:30 pm by GK Robb McBurney

Prayer was offered by: Robb McBurney

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:

- Robb thanks everyone who helped with the Mothers' Day carnation distribution. It went very smoothly and we received positive comments. We were almost perfect on the number – 30 leftover flowers were donated to the parish.
- For the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, a traveling icon from National will be displayed for the entire weekend. Our Council will help with events during the day of adoration.
- There will be no July meeting. Look for a notice re: installation of officers.
- Robb mentioned that we were very active this year. We did at least one event or activity each month this year. Robb thanks everyone for all we did this year. Though we serve to serve and not for awards, we have a good chance at getting Star Council this year.
- We believe that we will hold Oktoberfest on 9/18. The early date will help us get the Wurst Wagon.
- Robb greeted Jim Ewing as our new Lecturer.
- SK Chase Asmer is getting married this week.
- For the 250th anniversary of the United States the parish will hold events. We are encouraged to look out for them and participate. Robb recommends the Ken Burns documentary on the American Revolution and a Tom Hanks series on WWII on the History Channel.
- Robb again thanked all the Knights who participated in the many activities and service projects we did this year.

Financial Report: by Dan Wagner/Robbie Wiggs (see attached)

- Checking balance: \$9,804.22
- 9 month CD balance: \$2,247.10
- 9 month CD balance: \$2,232.51
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,238.09
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$119.16
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$136.00
- There will be an annual audit after the Fraternal Year ends on 6/30. All Knights are invited to observe if you desire.
- We have finally updated the roster for all Knights who joined in the last year, but membership cards are still delayed.
- Dan mentioned that there are many positions available apart from Officer positions and encourages us to apply if we would like to help the Council grow and do more activities. In particular, Director positions were mentioned.

Membership Report: by Robb McBurney

- Interviews and contacts with prospective members continues.
- Dan reported that men can join the Knights as At Large members online for no dues. National refers these members to us. If someone wants to join our Council, we do an interview and they become a dues paying member. We need to consider a procedure for handling these referrals, particularly in making sure we don't have the obligations of per capita, insurance, etc., for members who join but stop paying dues. We



also want to be sure to explain the Knights and unique things about our Council to make sure the prospective members feel informed and welcome and have a chance to participate in an Exemplification.

- Robb expressed interest in possibly having an old-style Exemplification ceremony in the future.

Youth Report:

- n/a

Pro-Life Report:

- n/a

Report of Fourth Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

- Both our Council and the 4th Degree Council will receive \$500 for participation in the Food for Families program.
- There will be an election for officers for the Fraternal Year.
- The Council is applying for the right to use Tunnel to Towers Foundation logo and other materials at the upcoming dinner.
- The Christopher Towers Thanksgiving Dinner will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are welcome.
- The Soldiers' Dinner for Ft. Jackson soldiers who cannot go home for the holidays will be held December 26.
- The First Responders recognition dinner will be January 27.
- Robbie mentioned the sale of Christopher Towers. There was a net of approximately \$10M. There is now a grant process for using some of this money. Robbie invited us to apply by August if we think we could use grant money.

Trustees' Report:

- n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- n/a

Chaplain's Message:

- n/a

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- n/a

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- A slate of officers was presented and voted on, given that a quorum was presented. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved by a single unanimous vote of those present.

Lecture Reflection: by Jim Ewing (see attached)

- Jim mentioned how we can be more visible, especially by wearing name badges.
- Jim spoke about the struggle of people with cognitive problems and shared examples from his life.
- A tribute was made to the previous lecturer, Bob Nerbun, including information on his background and family.
- Jim had us go around the room and answer several questions about ourselves and our lives.
- Jim spoke about a 1940's book called My Catholic Faith, A Catechism in Pictures, and recommended it.

Good of the Order:

- Robb encourages us to vote in the primary elections this Tuesday.



Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the attached list of Brothers and family members in your prayers.
- Chris Wagner asked prayers for his wife's mother.

Closing prayer was offered by: Robb McBurney at 8:00pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder

Faith Director's Report

We are in Ordinary Time.

June 3-11	Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (USCCB)
June 4	Business Meeting: 6:30 PM, Blossom Street House Election of Officers
June 5	First Friday
June 6	First Saturday Mass 8:30 AM
June 7	Corpus Christi I Care, I Share Weekend
June 12	Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus All Day Adoration; 3:30 PM Benediction & Solemn Vespers
June 14	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Seminary 2-4 PM Adoration; 4 PM Benediction & Solemn Vespers
June 21	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2-4 PM Adoration; 4 PM Benediction & Solemn Vespers Father's Day
June 28	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Peter's Pence 2-4 PM Adoration; 4 PM Benediction & Solemn Vespers

A Look Ahead

July No Business Meeting – watch for announcement for Installation of Officers

Effective July 6, 2026

Rev. Paul Lacombe is parochial vicar of St. Joseph Church in Columbia in addition to being part-time chaplain to Cardinal Newman School.

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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Today is Jun 4, 2026. | Last accessed: May 7, 2026 5:52 PM ET.

Banking

	Available Balance	Today's Beginning Balance	Pending Transactions
TD BUSINESS CONVENIENCE PLUS > x3606	\$9,804.22	\$9,804.22	\$0.00
BUSINESS 9 MONTH CD > x8147	\$2,247.10	\$2,247.10	--
BUSINESS 9 MONTH CD > x7436	\$2,232.51	\$2,232.51	--
BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x0670	\$2,238.09	\$2,238.09	--

Knights of Columbus Council #12554
4 June 2026

Financial Secretary's Report

1. Dues	\$ 108.00
2. State Charity Drive	\$ 20.00
3. Unrestricted Donations ("Round-Up")	\$ 8.00

TOTAL	\$ 136.00

Vouchers

1. State Council (State of SC K of C - Liability Insurance)	\$ 119.16

TOTAL	\$ 119.16

NOTES:

Dues are \$36.00.

K of C Council 12554
2026-2027 Proposed Slate of Officers

Elected Officers

Grand Knight	Robb McBurney, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Luke Gleissner
Chancellor:	Dave McGlaulin
Recorder:	Otho "Mitch" Michaelis V
Treasurer:	Robbie Wiggs, Jr.
Advocate:	Rick Gleissner
Warden:	Patrick Hayes
Inside Guard:	Pat Slattery
Outside Guard:	Will Hawthorne
One Year Trustee:	Gary Bettin
Two Year Trustee:	Jim Corbett
Three Year Trustee:	John Long

Nominations for all Elected Offices will be accepted from the floor.

Appointed Officers

Financial Secretary:	Dan Wagner
Chaplain:	Dcn. Jerry White
Lecturer	Jim Ewing

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Lecture

June 4, 2026

Do any of you notice anything unusual about my appearance tonight?

I am wearing the same outfit tonight as I wore to Mass on Trinity Sunday. I could not believe it, but I actually got six compliments on my appearance and I never get compliments on my appearance. I think a lot of it had to do with my pocket badge and also my fourth-degree lapel pin.

There are pin-on badges, magnetic badges, and pocket badges. For me, a pocket badge is much easier to wear than the other two options.

The main reason that Knights wear badges is for identification, fraternity, and as a visible witness of their faith and charitable mission. The badges help parishioners and others identify Knights. Your badge indicates that a man of faith and character is present and available to lend a hand. I also believe that the badges help in recruiting of new Knights.

The badges provide a standardized, sharp appearance at official meetings and church events. Emblems represent membership in a community dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Some of your Knight brothers have memory problems, such as myself. I know I've met most of you and some of you I have met three or four times because I keep forgetting your names. I personally have what is called mild cognitive dysfunction. That means that I have minor memory problems, and my condition may stay stable or may progress to dementia in the future. My neurologist told me that I could take some medication if I wished but that it would not cure my condition. The hope is that medication will slow down the progression of any cognitive problems.

I am personally on a medication called Namenda (generic name is memantine.) I applied for life insurance with Knights of Columbus but I was denied insurance because of being on this medication. Everything else was fine on the application.

Unlike Ernie King, my voice does not project well. My wife says that the longer I talk, the softer my voice becomes, and I tend to mumble. If you cannot hear me, and you want to hear me, raise your hand to remind me to speak louder.

I would like to say a few words about Bob Nerbun and his wife Ann. They both have significant health problems, and this is the reason he decided to step down as lecturer.

Some years back, Bob had a dream that God told him to dedicate all his children to the service of the Lord. Bob went on to have seven children and one was a priest and one was a nun. His wife insisted on some grandchildren and I'm sure their other children also dedicated their lives to the Lord in a different capacity. Bob is an impressive lecturer and he is active in Pro-Life and other laudable organizations. He is currently in Ireland for the First Holy Communion of one of his grandsons.

I am not nearly the Catholic and good man that Bob is. Over the years, mostly decades ago, I have made some very bad choices and done some very bad things. I feel very bad and embarrassed about these things and I have a hard time believing that I actually did some of the things that I did. I have repented repeatedly and have had many discussions with God about my shortcomings. Thank goodness I have been absolved by my priest.

My wife was a cradle Catholic. About four years ago, I met with Msgr. Harris a few times discussing my desire to convert to Catholicism. I finally told him that I had definitely decided to convert. Then I asked him how long it would take for me to become a card-carrying Catholic. He said it usually takes several months of RCIA/OCIA. I am paraphrasing, but he said in view of my age he wanted to put me on an accelerated course to make sure that I became a Catholic before I died. He gave me some information to review on the internet and I also bought and read a book called Catholicism for Dummies. I was able to convert in just a few months. And in all honesty, I believe that my conversion to Catholicism has been the most important decision of my life.

Despite my interest in the Catholic faith, I still have numerous gaps in my knowledge. I've been going to OCIA every chance I get just trying to fill in some of the many gaps in my knowledge.

One Sunday, I was going to OCIA and I was running late. There was only one available parking space in the MAB parking lot. I pulled into the space and there was a sign in front of the parking space. It said something like For the Pregnant or Newly Delivered Mother. I made the decision to stay in that parking space despite the sign. The parking space adjacent to me had a car in it, and it had the same signage as my parking space.

After OCIA, I attended 1030 Mass. Afterwards I went to the MAB parking lot and walked to my car. Just in front of me was a lady who was walking to her car which was parked next to mine with the same sign. I said congratulations, I did not know. She said what do you mean? I pointed to the sign and we both laughed. I don't know her name, but the lady was none other than one of the black nuns of Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

All of the OCIA lecturers were very good, but I must say that our very own Mitch Michaelis was my favorite and he was the favorite of many of us who were attending OCIA. Mitch is a great speaker and he always prepares his lessons well with thoughtful text and impressive illustrations. He is very down to earth and he shared with us a number of very personal details about him, his wife, and his marriage. Most of us would not have had the courage to share what he shared, but we all appreciated his candor.

Who Am I ?

My All-time Favorite Book

A Manual of Religion

My Catholic Faith

A Catechism in Pictures

by the Most Reverend Louis LaRavoire Morrow, D.D.

Bishop of Krishnagar 1949

The Our Father Prayer

Sick or Distressed Members

Laddy Gatling

James Kinard

Paul Osemene

Frank Toth

Bill Mason

Jim Ewing

Dave Pfrommer

... and family

Michelle Bissonette (wife of Ray Bissonette)

Linda Sue Ewing (wife of Jim Ewing)

Bernie Corbett (brother of PGK Jim Corbett)

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

Ann Nerbun (wife of Lecturer Bob Nerbun)

Gayle Michaelis (wife of Secretary Mitch Michaelis)