Combined Council/Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

55 members attending

Call to order, Council opens Meeting. 7:00 pm

Council Leads Opening Prayer: Deputy Grand Knight Ernie Sirotek lead the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - completed

Chaplains Message (if Present): Fr. Goodluck

- No message this month.

The Faithful Navigator closed the Assembly Meeting. 7:34pm

Call to Order, Council Meeting Resumes.

Grand Knight's Message

- Thanked the Rowdies for their service and dinner
- Asked new members to stand and introduce themselves.
    - Spencer Willliams – at Holy Apostles 7 yrs
    - Kevin Spinner (sp) – Knight 29yrs, Former Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. Moved here from Colorado
    - Dave Maxwell – 1.4 yrs, 3rd degree
- Reminded Brothers to add those needing our prayers to the white board.
- Thank you, Brother Knights, for "pass-the-hat" donations received for the Valentia family.
    - Pass the hat raised $780
    - State program *Pennies From Heaven* added an additional $500.
    - Flyng Angels flew out to California and picked up the children, reuniting the family.

    - Ronald McDonald House provided gifts for children. Brother Knights have continued to contribute funds to the Valentia family.
- Nominated Brother Matt Pressley for the Council's Special Olympics Chairman.
    - Nomination Seconded and approved.
- Discuss Idaho State Newsletter, Bulletin
    - Sent out information in December with minutes
    - Encouraged Knights to write and submit articles.
        - Submit through WGK and/or Brother Jerry Sullivan
        - Jerry's email is sully3842@aol.com
    - Received a request from the Associate editor of Columbia Magazine requesting information on up-and-coming events within our council. WGK provided a two-page document outlining our current activities.
    - Referred Associate Editor to Faithful Navigator Steve Gaston for information on the Assembly.
    - Publications let people know the good work we are doing.
    - Brother Jerry requested if photos are submitted for publication, please identify all those in the photos.
    - Brother Darryl stated Paul Petro, State Treasurer is writing the State newsletter – looking for someone to take over that role as Paul is moving to State Secretary
        - Have some templates we could use

Approval of Minutes.

- December Council meeting minutes were sent to each brother for review.
- WGK requested to know if there are any changes or edits that need to be made to the November minutes.
- No response
- WGK then noted there was one mistake in the minutes; the minutes stated the number of Knights in the Council was 483, when the correct # is 405.
    - December minutes were amended and resubmitted to WGK.
- Minutes were approved with the amendment

Worthy District Deputy Report; Dave Cereghino

- Annual Survey of fraternal activities is due Jan 31st. Survey for the hours worked outside of organized council events. (Form 1728)
    - Time spent at VA, visiting the sick, Corpus Commons runs, etc
    - Survey form was handed out to members to fill in their hours and return to DGK.
- March for Life on Jan 24th, Mass at 11:00,
- Free throw contest is due on Jan 31st. Form is due on the 31st.
- Men's Conference; purchase early bird ticket by Jan 11 for $59. $75 after that and closes by the 18th.
- Semi- annual audit in February is cancelled. Next audit Aug 15th.
- 14 new members this year, one away from our goal. Goal will help for star award
    - We need two fraternal benefits with at least 14 members attending.
- Presented contest of champions award: For recruiting the most members in Fraternal year 24-25, last year. Our council recruited 31 members, the most in the state.

Financial Secretary Report – Worthy Financial Secretary Erick Del Real;

- Absent, WGK communicated that Brother Erick is currently very busy at work and requested some time to get caught up
- He should have more time for the KofC in a couple of months.

Treasurer Report – Worthy Treasurer Bruce Hanni;

- 14 new members to bring membership to 405. 93% of our membership goal.
- On track to collect this year's membership dues. Will be sending out 2nd notice to pay dues
- Dec Treasurer report will be submitted to GK later this week
- Supreme eliminated mid-year audit. Annual Audit in August

- Loading tax information this month – they will be filed electronically.
- Built mid-year budget review files, waiting for December data and will present at Officer's Planning meeting in February.
- Dues are sent to FS Erick Del Real, his address is on the invoices sent out.
- Bruce will have membership cards if you need them.

Worthy Membership Chairman Report – Brother Ray Hynson;

- Report on Exemplification Ceremony and update on total members.
- Three new members at the December ECUF meeting:
    - Michael Moskaitis
    - Spencer Williams
    - David Maxwell
- Next ECUF meeting will be on Jan 15th. Will break goal for first star award this year. Candidate is Alexander Morton.
- Knights of Columbus recruiting event is the day after the Men's Conference, Sunday February 1, 2026.

Worthy Field Agent Report – Brother Darryl Williams;

- Grand Knight read Brother Williams message as he was absent.
- Entire message is contained at the end of the minutes

Chancellor Report – Worthy Chancellor Don Hannah;

- Brother Don is excused, DGK Ernie Sirotek reported.
- All Knights Mass – Sunday, 6:00 p.m. – March 8, 2026
    - Sign in sheet was passed around to volunteer
- Rosary at 5:45 before Combined Knights meeting. Encouraged to attend.
- Deacon Curtis – "That Man is You" starting the 17th of January at 6:00 a.m.
- Cor program – spoke with Brother Don Hanna and printed out checklist to get it started and attended webinar for the event
    - Not sure how to navigate through participating with "That Man is You" and Cor
    - Not everyone can make the 6:00 am meeting

- Maybe an opportunity to start an alternate program – Just starting to work on this.
- Will talk with WGK this Saturday

Life Committee Report – Worthy Life Director Joe James;

- Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in front of Planned Parenthood. January 10, 2026. 9:30 Rosary; 10;00 Divine Mercy
- Life Mass 11:00 am at Cathedral
  - March for Life – Julia Davis Park @ 1:00 p.m.
  - He will provide Pro Life banner
- Jan 16/17/18 – After mass we will be handing out choose life placards that we March with. – help from Respect life.
  - Need volunteers before masses

Community Committee Report – Worthy Andy Pulaski;

- Basketball Free Throw Championship – January 11, 2026
  - After 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. mass
  - We need volunteers at the basketball courts
- Looking into soccer challenge this summer – August/September.
- Will host keep Christ in Christmas poster contest later this year
- Will call on volunteers for cleaning the ovens.

Unfinished Business:

- Cinnamon Roll event, Brother Dennis Kuntz
  - January 16, 17, & 18, 2026.
    - FBO is Support Veteran's Programs
    - Pan up Cinnamon Rolls after Bingo night, start around 7:30
    - On Saturday we frost starting at 10:30 am on Saturday. It takes about 1.5 hours.

        - WGK stated Brother Dennis does a great job on Saturday. It is a good time with music, coffee, and cinnamon rolls.
    - Brother Matt requested the Special Olympics funds go to buying gear
        - WGK stated he will work with Financial Secretary to earmark funds for Special Olympics equipment/gear.

- Knights Christmas Potluck - Advocate Burt Quijano, Jr.
    - Thanked everyone for Christmas Potluck
        - 81 people showed up, 82 signed up
        - Thank you to everyone who showed up and those that supported the program with setup and logistics.
        - Special thank you to the officers for their support.
        - Very successful **Toys for Tots** program. We donated 4 bags of toys and 1 bag of coats.
        - Took the toys and coats to Nampa St. Vincent de Paul. They were out of toys and glad to see the donation.
        - Will have another Christmas party next year.

- Hockey – Advocate Burt Quijano, Jr.
    - March 18th, 7:10 p.m. – Section 215 – will be playing the Tulsa Oilers
    - Family event
    - $24 / ticket and covers a bit extra for Clergy tickets
    - Any extra funds will go to the Christmas Party
    - Optional 4:45 meet at Buffalo Wild Wings. We will get a 10% rebate check on food purchases.
    - Working on BSU football game in the fall.
    - WGK thanked Brother Burt and Brother Mel for their efforts and time in organizing and overseeing the Christmas party – great job!
- Barn Clean-up – GK Greg Assmus
    - Completed Dec 6th.
    - Looks Great!
    - Program directors please label all bins

- FBO signs in Top File Drawer

Agenda Topics. (20 min.)

- St. Ignatius Foundation Bingo Nights; FN Steve Gaston
  - We provide Kitchen and Bar Service.
    - Proceeds go to St. Ignatius KofC Scholarship fund
  - Bingo January 16, 2026 - (FN Steve Gaston lead)
  - Requesting volunteers - please arrive at 4:30 -5:00, generally complete around 7:30
  - Bingo February 6, 2025 – (GK Greg Assmus lead)

- Knights 101 Program; DGK Ernie Sirotek
  - Renamed the KofC 101 program to *Introduction to the Knights of Columbus.*
  - Updated the program and is ready to present to WGK and Faithful Navigator on Saturday at 1:00 in Room 102
  - Once the final draft is finalized with feedback and updated, would like to roll out the first class sometime in February 2026.
  - Invite new members & wives from 2025 if possible
  - The *Introduction to the Knights of Columbus* is scheduled to be a90 minute presentation including Q&A.
  - The program will be open to members outside of our council once it is rolled out and complete.

- Update on KofC website – Brother Dave Innerbichler
  - Changed URL to 11548KofC.org
  - We will soon receive back our old domain and after that we may be able to combine old KofC11548 domain with the new domain.

- Form 1728A – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity; WGK Greg Assmus
  - Handed out to brothers, fille out, and returned.

- This is for events we have done outside of planned events.
    - Visiting veterans or others, working at the church, blood drives, adoration chapel, prayer groups, etc.
- Assembly hours – hours specific to Assembly events
    - Color Corp – Brother Ken submits reports
    - VA – Brother Chuck provides reports
    - Exemplification – Navigator submits reports
- All other hours go to Council hours

- Ultrasound initiative – WGK
    - Received check from Choose Life of Idaho, Cindy Lang for $5000
        - Money given by Knights to that ministry
        - Entire package being sent to Supreme to get matching funds to purchase portable ultrasound machine for $9750.00
        - Thank you for your donations

- Brother Bruce
    - Received four ASAP checks for $400 each to go to pregnancy center – mailed 4 days ago
    - Alcohol permits for Bingo and Fish fry events are in the closet
    - The code for the Adoration door chapel is changing next Saturday. See Marlene or front office staff for coded information.

For the good of the Order:

- Corpus Commons BBQ – Brother Tom
    - Feed 150 – 200 people. Hot dogs, burgers, salad, chips, and water
    - Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Start at 12:00, Serve at 12:30 p.m.
    - Volunteer on the Website

- St. Ignatius Carnival - Brother Tom
    - Knights run kitchen for pre-lent carnival, one of our biggest events

    - provide around 500 servings of Hamburgers, hotdogs, chili dogs, and French fries
    - Volunteer on the volunteer tab of the KofC website
    - Start around 4:30 – 5:00
    - Next kitchen events are the Fish Fry's during Lent – also on the volunteer tab
- Report on American Red Cross Blood drive; Brother Joe Cardona
    - Asked participants to please stand
    - 90 available spots, 85 filled, 75 showed up
    - 75 units of blood. Potentially saving 224 patients
    - 11 No shows, 9 deferrals, 1 contaminated
    - 6 yrs premier partner
    - Next blood drive April 20th.
    - Presented a Knights of Columbus jacket to Dennis
        - Thanked him for being at every blood drive.

- Brother Burt
    - 15 people signed up for Hockey
    - 13 people at Rosary before the meeting
        - Be on time!

- Officer's Planning Meeting – January 20, 2026 – Tuesday

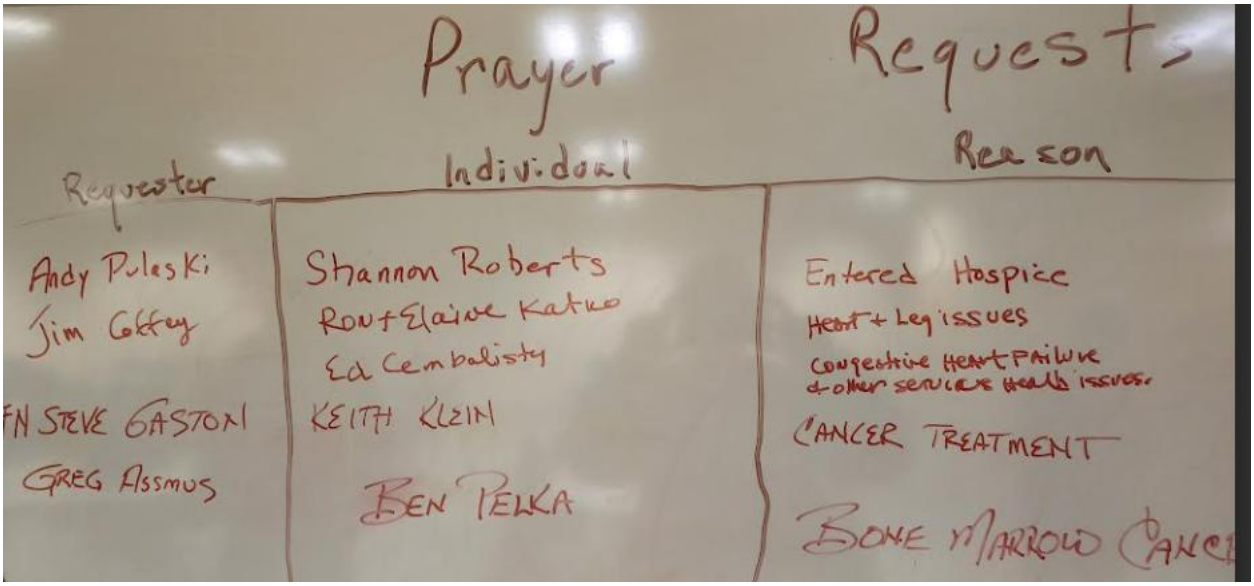
Closing Prayer.

DGK Lead us in closing prayer

Meeting Adjournment. 8:50 pm

Prayer Requests

Requester	Individual	Reason
Andy Puleski	Shannon Roberts	Entered hospice
Jim Coffey	Ron & Elaine Katko	Heart and leg issues
	Ed Cembalisty	Congestive heart failure & other severe heath issues
FN Steve Gaston	Keith Klein	Cancer treatment
Greg Assmus	Ben Pelka	Bone marrow cancer



January Council Message for Agents

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. [1]

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium.[2]
- Reduce an existing loan.

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.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

[1]Dividends are not guaranteed.

[2]This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.

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