Meridian Council Business Meeting

March 2, 2026

Call to order, Council opens Meeting.

- 7:01 PM
- 44 Members attending

Council Leads Opening Prayer:

- Worthy Chancellor Don Hannah led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Completed

Chaplains Message: Fr. Goodluck – not attending tonight

Council Meeting suspended, Assembly meeting started. 7:03 p.m.

- Gavel handed to the Faithfull Navigator for the Assembly Meeting.
- Faithfull Navigator closed Assembly Meeting and passed the gavel to the Worthy Grand Knight to resume the Council meeting. 7:25 p.m.

Call to Order, Council Meeting Resumes. 7:30 p.m.

- Grand Knight's Message
  - Thanks to the Knights and all volunteers for the work on the fish fry, they are going very smoothly. Good handful of new Knights. Great to see new Knights volunteering.
  - Thanked Rowdies for their service and dinner
    - Maria is not attending due to husband being ill. She also volunteers as a Religious Education instructor for the Catholic community.
      - Requested assistance from GK for a wheelchair
      - Referred her to HELP: Health Equipment Loan Program at St. Paul's. They could provide a wheelchair or a transfer chair.
      - Maria got the wheelchair and was at the fish fry.
  - Asked new members to stand and introduce themselves.

- Reminded Brothers to add those needing our prayers to the white board.
- Thanked Knights and families for all their volunteer efforts current and forthcoming

Approval of Minutes.

- The minutes of the February Combined Council/Assembly meeting have been sent to each of you for your review.
- Requested revisions or amendments required for the February minutes.
- Brother Rich made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as published. Motion seconded and passed.

Worthy District Deputy Report; Worthy District Deputy Dave Cereghino.

- Sacred Heart ICON and Holy hour. District 6 has ICON now. – would we like to have the ICON and host the holy hour? Information is on KofC.com, look up Sacred Heart Holy Hour. If interested, please contact District Deputy Dave.
- State Deputy for Southern Idaho will be here around March 15, and 21st. and would like to visit with us and other councils in the area. Are we interested in hosting a meeting for multiple councils? Please let Dave know if we are.
    - He will host the meeting; we just need to provide the location. He will bring Pizza and drinks.
- State Convention registration deadline is March 20th.
- Faith, Family, Community, and Life, along with Priest of the Year and Family of the Year award submission is due by March 15th. Submit to state program director, Brother Cory Newell. The awards will be presented at the state convention.
- We have 3 FBEs, which will help with our star awards
- Free throw contest was held with two councils in this district, our council and Nampa. Holy Spirit council won all 12 of the medals. Medals will be presented at a St. Ignatius school assembly, date and time to be determined.

Financial Secretary Report – Worthy Financial Secretary Erick Del Real. 7:36 p.m.

- We have 17 new members, with a goal of 15. 113% of goal
- 409 members
- 109 members have not paid dues. Brother Erick is in the process of sending the 3rd reminder.

Treasurer Report – Worthy Treasurer Bruce Hanni.

- January report will be coming out by email. Maybe out already
- February report will be sent to the Grand Knight later this week.
- Started entering data into the online filing system for our tax returns and will be reviewing with the tax committee this month.
- The first six St Ignatius Bingo events earned $1711 towards the St Ignatius scholarship. One more event in May.
- Devotional book sales provided $1853 profit. Profits have never been this high before.
- First two Fish fry, Gross revenue of $8.2k, expenses of $4.7k, Net of $3.5k. These are going very well. WGK stated the last fish fry we served 361 plates
- Assembly information; electronic Form 990 was filed with IRS in January.
- Set $500 check to Salt and Light Radio for spring pledge drive.
- WGK inquired about the total for our scholarship fund. Brother Bruce estimated around $35k. Brother Steve Gaston stated it was almost $41k when he checked about a month ago.

Worthy Membership Chairman Report – Brother Ray Hynson.

- Feb 19th exemplification meeting had 3 new members at the Ceremony.
  - Paul Freitas
  - Jake Dewey
  - Peter Serritella
- Next meeting is March 19th. Strong interest from 2 to 3 new members.
    - St. Joseph will be our honoree

Worthy Field Agent Report – Brother Darryl Williams. 7:42 p.m.

- Brother Darryl hosted an Insurance Presentation prior to meeting. This presentation covered different aspects of the insurance offered by the Knights of Columbus.
- Tax season is here! Changes in income can cause stress and changes to your tax bracket. Higher taxes lead to less disposable income. This can be offset by drawing from your life insurance policy.
- Please see his full report at the end of the meeting minutes.

Chancellor Report – Worthy Chancellor Don Hannah.

- Birthday cards are being sent around for signatures for Seminarian Ian Willard's birthday in April.
    - Pass the hat for funds to send to him collected $287.00
- Silver Rose mass is Wednesday June 10th at 8:45. Will take it from Mt Home on June 8 and 9th.
- All Knights Mass – Sunday, 6:00 p.m. – March 8, 2026.
    - Long-sleeved blue shirts and slacks.
    - Shirts available for $35
    - Will have the front rows reserved for Knights and family members
- COR: there is a long checklist of items. He will review with the Grand Knight, and Deputy Grand Knight, then with Father Vitalis.

Life Committee Report – Worthy Life Director Joe James.

- Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in front of Planned Parenthood. March 14, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy at 10:00
- Food for Families
    - Distribution of grocery sacks – March 14 & 15, 2026
        - 3 members at each mass – please volunteer
    - Collection of food in front of SVdP food pantry - March 21-22, 2026
        - 6 members at each mass – please volunteer

- After meeting requested Knights to stay and put the flyer in the bag to make them ready to hand out. Brother Joe showed how to do it.
- Columbian magazine commissioned photographer
  - Megan, Associated editor of Columbian magazine
  - Photographers will be here to take photos of the Knights and families working
  - She would like to see diversity, not just white hair! They would like to see younger volunteers
  - Please wear KofC clothing
  - WGK has asked family members to assist with Food for Families initiative.
- Asked Brother John to explain the process for collecting the bags of food. He walked the council members through the process.

Community Committee Report – Worthy Andy Pulaski.

- Basketball Free Throw Championship (Brother Mike Wissel)
  - All set up with the school for certificates and medallion.
  - Waiting for the schedule from St Ignatius.
- Nothing further to report.

Special Olympic Chairman's Report – Brother Matt Pressley; Please give your report.

- Chairman Matt is still waiting for requested information from the Special Olympics.
- Not present tonight as he is ill.

Unfinished Business: 7:53 p.m.

1. Upcoming Social Events – Update from Advocate Burt Quijano, Jr.
   - Hockey night – Wednesday, March 18, 2026. (Tickets $24)
   - Last date to purchase tickets – March 8, 2026

- 47 people attending, Father Roger accepted, working on Fr Goodluck and Fr Vitalis
- We have 75 tickets, so more tickets are available
- Dinner at 4:45 at Buffalo Wild Wings.
- If you want to sit next to someone, please let him know

2. Introduction to the Knights of Columbus class, Saturday, February 7, 2026. Report– DGK Ernie Sirotek
   - 9 members attended, most with spouses
   - Received 4 or 5 surveys and responded to most of them
   - Lot of time spent on introductions. Great to get to know the Knights.
   - Next class is April 25, 2026

3. Lenten Fish Frys – Report from Brother Tom Sorge or GK
   - February 20, 27 and March 6, 13, 27, 2026
   - Sign-up on volunteer tab
   - No further report
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4. Evangelization Retreat Breakfast
   - Saturday, March 21, 2026, 6:00 – 8:15 a.m.
   - We have been requested to prepare and serve breakfast
   - Food provided by Holy Apostles
   - Brother Dennis has volunteered to lead. Need 5 volunteers
     i. Greg Assmus
     ii. Ed Schwehr
     iii. Joe Cardona
     iv. JD Nasdina
     v. Kevin

5. Idaho State Convention. April 10-12, 2026. Brother Daryll
   - Delegates: DGK Ernie Sirotek, Advocate Burt Quijano, Jr.
   - Alternates: Faithful Captain Dick Jacobson, Recorder Ed Schwehr
   - 3rd degree members are invited to attend the State Convention to be held in Boise, ID. Saturday is best day to attend. Meetings end at 4:30 and then 5:00 mass

- Lunch is served to Knights for $30. Send it to host council. Meet with Brother Daryll to coordinate
- Next convention in Pocatello, after that it is in Lewiston. We should consider hosting the convention in the future.
- Last time we hosted it was in 2010.

6. Lenten Book Distribution – Report – GK Greg
    - Thank you to the volunteer Knights
    - Funds collected – Report from Treasurer Bruce

Agenda Topics. (20 min.) 8:03 p.m.

1. Nest month at the beginning of the Combined Business meeting we will invite the priests to show up
    - Spiritual Appreciation cards for clergy were passed around. Signed and returned to GK.
    - Presentation of cards and monetary gift of $500.00 for their spiritual guidance to us throughout the year. They are big supporters of us and our work.

2. At the March 30th Combined Business, with the Faithful Navigator and the Assembly, we will present Certificates of Appreciation and name tags for the Rowdies to recognize their efforts over the years.
    - Three of the Rowdies, Maria, Ronni, and Caroline have been here for at least 5 years. Others joined later
    - Ronni could not make it as she is ill, but she still cooked the potatoes! She has vertigo and may be hospitalized. She is 86!

3. May 4th Combined Business meeting. Prior to meeting there will be a sneak Peek of Growing Together church facility expansion.
    - Groundbreaking in August
    - Complete expansion where the St Vincent de Paul building is currently located.
    - New Kitchen, dining room and breakout rooms
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4. Knights' appreciation dinner
    - Hope all of you received and responded to the survey
    - Saturday, May 30, 2026, 6:00 p.m. DGK Ernie Sirotek is leading.
    - Planning for 90 participants
    - Formal event
    - Cost of $30 before May 1st, $35 after May 1st.
    - Catered dinner with brisket, mashed potatoes, green beans and bacon, desert.
    - Jake will be providing the music
    - Dance after dinner
    - Contact DGK Ernie Sirotek to sign up!
        Cell: 916-295-3303
        Email: esirotek@currently.com

5. Blood drive, Monday April 20th. Faithful Admiral Joe Cordona leading
    - Last 3 blood drives we have potentially saved over 200 lives. We would like to continue the trend
    - Red Cross and the Knights are working very well now. They bring in extra help and almost no trainees.
    - 5th consecutive year of premier partner.
    - We could use volunteers. Setup is at 9:00 a.m., Drive starts at 11:00
    - We do this because it is the right thing to do.

6. Holy Apostles 25th Jubilee!
    - April 17th there will be a cultural potluck and dance in the courtyard
    - Bring food from our cultural background
    - Knights will host the bar with the proceeds going back to the church.

For the Good of the Order: 8:15 pm

- Brother Ed Shaul: Corpus commons
    - Program going well. Fred Klien taken over scheduling drivers
    - Boxes are full every other day – Making deliveries multiple times a week
    - Brother Bud Maderos is keeping on top of the boxes. Also has worked with Blue Sky Bagels and Panera bread day old

pastries. Today he took 8 bags of bagels with 12 bagels in each.
    - We take clothing as well as leftover food from our functions.

- Into the Breach – discuss interest level and best time to view video series _ GK Greg led the discussion.
    - We had a video prior to the last meeting, but it did not go well. It was during social time, and a lot of members were visiting.
    - Is there any interest in continuing these videos, if so, what time?
    - Ten videos, each last lasting ten minutes.
    - Brother Joe Cardona recommended starting at 6:45p.m. WGK concerned with taking time away from social time.
    - Brother Cory stated it originally was for the Good of the Order and felt it is a good opportunity to grow together as a fraternity. He recommended adding it to Good of the Order time. It would give us a better understanding of what that part of the meeting is about.
    - Brother Burt recommended we do it at another time during the week. This would allow us to watch a couple of videos and have time to discuss what they saw. Brother Erick suggested a Saturday viewing.
    - Will discuss further at the officers planning meeting.

- Knight of the month & Knight of the year– GK Greg led the discussion
    - GK nominated Joe Cardona for Knight of the Year. He will write up the narrative and forward to Brother Cory for the state convention.
    - GK would like to form a committee to work on the nominations for Knight of the month and Knight of the year. Please contact him if you would like to participate or lead.

- Knight biography and reason for joining the KofC – GK Greg led the discussion
    - Floated the idea of having brothers come up and present a bio on themselves for 3 to 5 minutes. Further discussion will be required.

- Brother Burt: Father Roger's birthday is Thursday. If you see him wish him happy birthday.

- Brother Steve Gaston: Thanked Brother Joe Cardona for the St Patrick's day decorations for the tables, ties, etc.

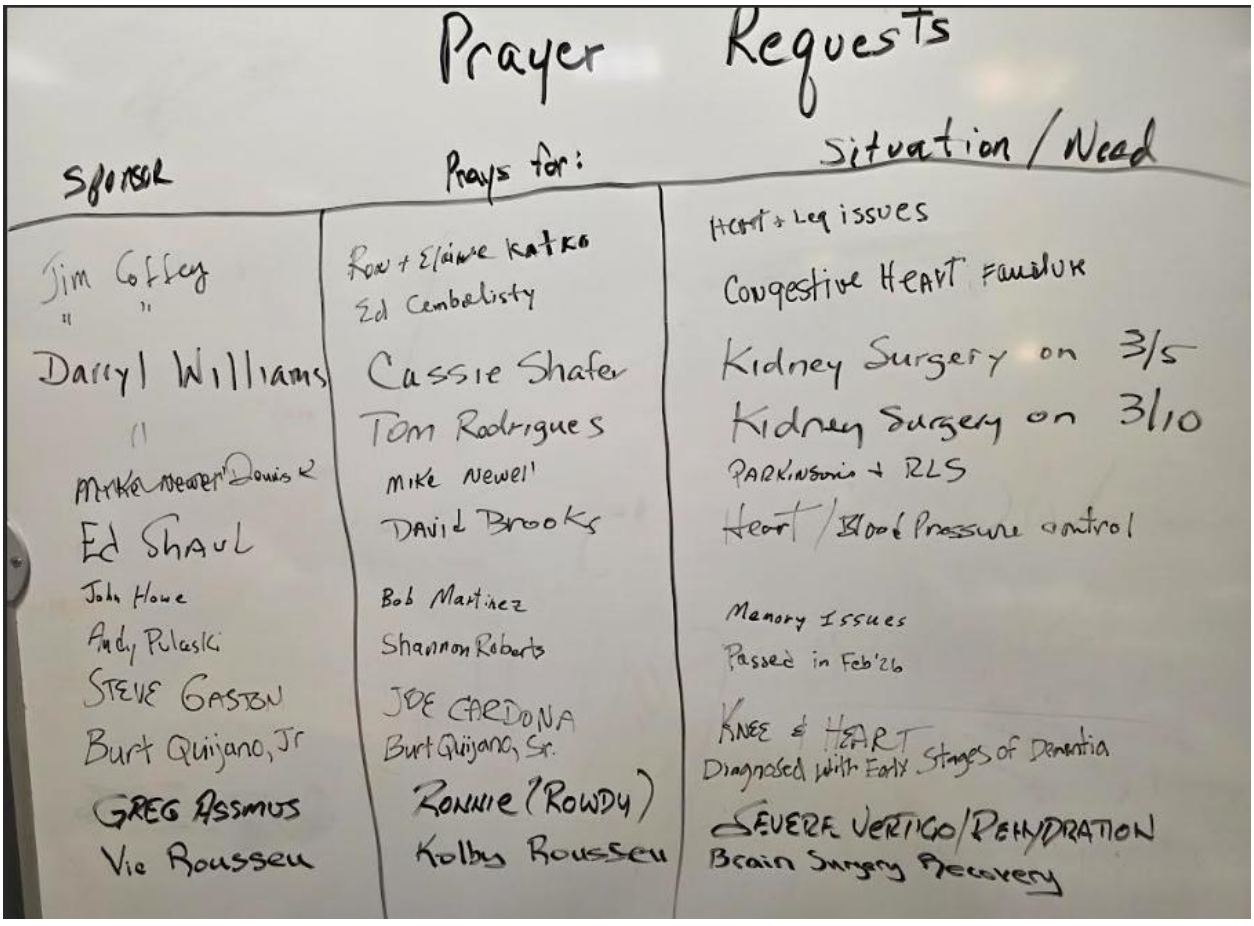
- Brother Darryl: Please pray for his wife Cathy Schaffer who is having kidney surgery on Thursday. Also, Tom Rodriques having 5-10 kidney stones removed on March 10, please pray for him.

- WGK reminded members to stay after the meeting to put fliers in the sacks for the food drive.

Closing Prayer.

Worthy Chancellor lead us in closing prayer

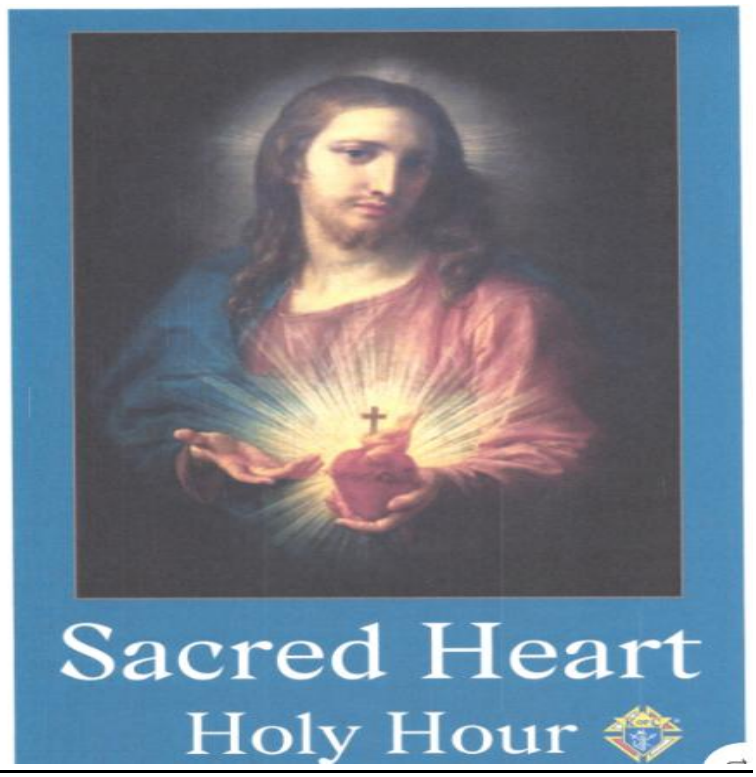
Meeting Adjournment. 8:27 p.m.



District Deputy Report:

District Deputy Report March 2026

- Sacred Heart Icon and Holy Hour. Consider sponsoring the Sacred Heart Holy Hour this month. Advertise in the bullet and email ahead of time. The picture of Jesus Sacred Heart is framed, place it where you plan on hosting the Holy Hour. There is a guide that can be followed on kofc.org, search Sacred Heart Holy Hour and download the procedure to host the Holy Hour.
- State Deputy is coming to Southern Idaho and would like to hold an area meeting or visiting with a council. He will bring pizza and drinks. March 15thish.
- State Convention Deadline to register is March 20 if you haven't done so, please register your delegates.
- This Thursday March 15 is the deadline to submit your award entries for Faith, Family, Community and Life as well as Priest of the Year and Family of the year. The State Program Director, Cory, has sent out the details on award entries and where to email them.
- Work on getting 2 FBE's done with 15 people in attendance.
- Free throw Contest winners from Council 11548 have been sent to State. Congratulations Council 11548 had all the district 5 winners.



Worthy Field Agent Report

Brothers,

Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates — for example, if your salary changed, or if you retired and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus.Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition.

By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month.

Reach out to your field agent at www.kofc.org/faa to set up an appointment today.

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Color Corps Report

Treasure Valley Color Corps / Honor Guard Events

March 2026

March 8 – All Knights Mass

Location: Holy Apostles, Meridian

Host: Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council #11548 (semiannual)

Showtime: 5:00 PM

March 15 – Idaho Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC)

Location: Boise Centre, Downtown Boise

Showtime: 9:30 AM

March 21 – 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony

Location: St. Mark's, Boise

Showtime: 11:00 AM

March 27 – Funeral Mass for Lady Knight Linda Tebo

Location: Holy Apostles, Meridian

Rosary: 10:00 AM

Funeral Mass: 11:00 AM

Inurnment: Immediately following Mass at the Holy Apostles Columbarium