Meridian Council Business Meeting

March 30, 2026 (April 2026)

- Prior to the start of the official meeting, we started with a thank you for the Rowdies. We presented Certificates of Appreciation to all of them and honored them as Lady Knights.

Call to order, Council opens Meeting.

- 7:00 PM
- 38 Members attending

Council Leads Opening Prayer:

- Deputy Grand Knight Ernie Sirotek led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Completed

Chaplains Message: Fr. Goodluck – not attending tonight

Grand Knights Message: Discuss change in meeting format as suggested in Officer's Planning Meeting.

- The Combined Business meeting if first/foremost a business meeting
- Minimize officer and chairman reports
- Reports only for relevant events for the coming month
- Insert a Spiritual message and discussion for Good of the Order section. (20 min. maximum)

Council Meeting suspended, Assembly meeting started. 7:04 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. 7:25 p.m.

- Grand Knight's Message
  - Thank Rowdies for their service and dinner
  - Ask new members to stand and introduce themselves.
  - Remind Brothers to add those needing our prayers to the white board.

Approval of Minutes.

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

Financial Secretary Report – Worthy Financial Secretary Erick Del Real.

- Brother Erick has taken a new role with the KofC. Brother Daryl Staskey reported about this position.
  - Eric will be the new District Deputy of the Spanish councils.
- The Grand Knight will accept applications or conversations with those interested in the Financial Secretary's position. Anyone interested in this position, please contact Grand Knight Greg Assmus.

Treasurer Report – Worthy Treasurer Bruce Hanni.

- Federal Taxes were filed on the 21st and accepted on the 23rd.
- March Financial report will not be available until after the 31st.
- For the last Bingo May 1st he will not be available, so he needs a cashier.
  - Brother Ernie volunteered.

Worthy Membership Chairman Report – Brother Ray Hynson.

- March 19th exemplification meeting had 2 new members at the Ceremony.
  - Edmundo Calderon
  - Travis Janquart
- Next meeting is April 16th. Strong interest from 2 to 3 new members.

Worthy Field Agent Report – Brother Darryl Williams.

- Brother Darryl announced that he is resigning as field agent.

- If anyone needs anything before a new agent is hired, please reach out to Field Agent John Stice
- 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.

Life Committee Report – Worthy Life Director Joe James.

- Food Drive was the most successful since Brother Joe took over: 12,388 pounds.
- 32 Knights worked on the food drive.
- Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in front of Planned Parenthood. April 11th, Rosary at 9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy at 10:00.
- Thanks to both Brothers Joe James and John Howe for leading this event.
- Mass at Planned Parenthood TBD

Community Committee Report – Worthy Andy Pulaski.

- No report

Special Olympic Chairman's Report – Brother Matt Pressley

- Chairman Matt Prssley left early because he wasn't feeling well.
- We do have money coming from the Cinnamon Roll FBE May 15th. This will be split 3 ways: Special Olympics, Jessie Tree and Diaper Bag Program. Those monies go to the state Special Olympics Commission
- We allocated $500 for Brother Matt to be our Special Olympics Ambassador.
- Matt would like to spend that money on the team he will be on that will be competing in Minnesota in June. He has also been raising money on is own for that event at places like Jersy Mike's.
- WGK Greg asked for a formal motion to allow the $500 to be spent on chest protectors, catcher masks and uniforms for Matt and his team.
- Next year will be do more with the Ambassadorship possibly getting involved with the Tootsie Roll fundraising campaign, a KofC fundraiser.
- A motion was made to approve $500 for purchase of equipment for Matt's Special Olympics team, seconded and passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Introduction to the Knights of Columbus class, Saturday, April 25th, 2026. Report– DGK Ernie Sirotek
    - 8 confirmed members and invitation were sent to the two newest members
    - 2:00 to 4:00 in room 102.
2. Lenten Fish Frys – Report from Brother Tom Sorge
    - This was a very successful event
    - Roughly 1/3 of our members now pay using credit cards
    - This is a great community event with many people attending, even many non-Catholics
    - Feedback is very positive.
    - Typically, 30 -35 people work.
    - For the last 4 years we have made $9000 to $9300.
    - This year, with no price increase and with some increased cost of goods, our profit this year was $11450
    - No further report
3. Idaho State Convention. April 10-12, 2026. Brother Daryll
    - Delegates: DGK Ernie Sirotek, Advocate Burt Quijano, Jr.
    - 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
4. Holy Apostles 25th Jubilee!
    - Cultural potluck and dance – Friday April 17th
    - Bring some food that reflects your culture and dress to match.
    - Knights will host the bar – DGK will lead
5. Hockey night – Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Upcoming Social Events – Update from Advocate Burt Quijano, Jr.
    - 55 people attended
    - 54 tickets were purchased at price of $24
    - We charged $2 extra and the difference was used to pay for clergy.
    - Fr. Rogers attended but left after dinner at Wild Wings.
- We received $108, plus an extra $36 in donations.
    - $122 will go toward the Christmas potluck
    - Additionally, about 40 brothers and their families had dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings so we will probably get another $80 dollars from that.
    - **One important note.** This took about 2 months to get organized. When the BSU football game gets going in July, we will have a 2-week window. We will not be able to wait on the money like this time.

Agenda Topics.

1. Spiritual Appreciation cards for clergy. Presentation of cards and monetary gift to priests on May 4th Combined Business meeting.
2. May 4th Combined Business meeting. Prior to meeting – Sneak Peek of Growing Together church facility expansion.
3. Knight's Appreciation Dinner Saturday, May 30, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - DGK Ernie
    - 28 confirmed attendees. Goal is 90.
    - You can sign up today and not pay until later.
    - Cost is $30 if you pay before May 1st. $35 after that.
    - We must have a minimum of 50.
    - Catered semiformal event.
4. Miscarriage Ministry has submitted a request through Rebecca Winston to provide partial funding for a $1,500 Columbarium niche, in collaboration with the CCW and Lazarus Ministries.
    - We have been asked to fund $500.
    - This generated significant discussion.
    - It will last 4 to 5 years.
    - WGK Greg will discuss this further with Rebecca.
5. Pancake Breakfast – April 26, 2026 – Brother Dennis Kuntz
    - Info to Megan Humkey for the bulletin
    - Volunteer tab has been created.
6. Bingo – Friday, May 1, 2026. Brother Andy Pulaski to lead. FN Steve Gaston reported that this will be our 7th Bingo this year and we are on track to raise $2000 between the food service and bar; all of which will go to the Knights of Columbus St. Ignatius Scholarship Fund.
7. Corpus Commons BBQ will be on Tuesday May 12th.
8. Blood Drive. Monday, April 20, 2026. Fred Kline said there are 6 slots for volunteers in both the morning and afternoon. About half of those are filled.

For the Good of the Order: 7:52 pm

- Into the Breach – Video presentation and discussion question. DGK Ernie Sirotek (20 minutes)

Closing Prayer.

WDGK Ernie lead us in closing prayer

Meeting Adjournment. 8:20 p.m.

Good of the Order:

Requestor	Individual	Situation
Steve G.	Joe Cardona	Surgery Tomorrow (3/31)
Kevin R	Doug Foye	Cancer Surgery
Ray H	SK Ed Wilson (TN Assby)	Repose of his soul (RIP)
Darryl W	Cassie Shafer	Kidney disease
Fred K	Mary Beth Klein	Repose of her soul
Fred K	Norman Klein	Loss of wife
	Ben Klein	Loss of Mother
	Ali Edler	
Joe W	Jim Anderson (BI)L	Liver Cancer
Ed S	David Brooks.	RX Comfort
Jim Coffey	Ron & Elaine Katko	Heart and Leg Issues
Joe James	Bob Moore	Throat Cancer