

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish Pinckney, Michigan

Council # 11761

General Business Meeting: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## OFFICERS

E	Chaplain	Fr. Tyler Arens
—	Grand Knight	Andy Weisel
E	Deputy Grd Knight	Dan Cooke
—	Chancellor	Dave Esser
—	Recorder	Paul Cassar
E	Financial Secretary	John Kukalis
—	Treasurer	Scott Berry
—	Lecturer	Pat Hohl
—	Advocate	Eric Shanes
—	Warden	Todd Darling
—	Inside Guard	Tony O'Branovic
E	Outside Guard	Hank Kiel
—	Trustee (3 yr)	Jim Bonifer
—	Trustee (2 yr)	John Korneder
—	Trustee (1 yr)	Pat Hohl

## DIRECTORS

Program	Dave Esser
Faith	Dcn. Randy Coffelt
Vocations	Dcn. Dan Hall
Community	Tim Rolling
Life	Rick Kolnitys
Health	Dale Pepper
Public Relations	Dan Cooke
Family	Todd Darling
Membership	TBD
Retention	Dave Esser
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Liaison	Dave Iwanski
Faith Formation	Jim Bonifer
Pastoral Council Rep	Phil Meilak
Youth	Dan Cooke
Field Agent	Patrick Arndt
District Deputy	Steve Schafer

E = Excused    X = Absent




## *Pending Membership Approval*

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm

Opening Prayer offered by: Andy Weisel

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as amended (UNA)

Treasurer Report: Br. Scott Berry

	General	Fish Fry & Breakfast	Money Market	Total
<b>9/30/2025 Bank Balances</b>				
- Transfer re Square - Golf				
Uncleared Items				
Ledger balance				
- Kans for Kids included above				
<b>New Deposits</b>				
Breakfast - cash				
Breakfast - square				
Pasties - Square				
Pasties - Cash				
<b>Expenses</b>				
Caramagno Foods				
Ron Abbot				
Jim Bonifer				

## **Deposits Tonight**

## **Bills Paid Tonight**

- See New Business

## **Grand Knight: Andy Weisel**

- Awesome Fr. Tyler Installation Mass and reception. Knights gave \$500, and we are asked to give more. Thanks for wearing your Knight's Shirts.
- Our first breakfast of the year had near record attendance and raised good money. The second breakfast had about 200.
- 1st Pasty making was amazing with last-minute help. We made 550 of the 1000 target. Our next effort is October 17-18 - please sign up Genius
  - o <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AACA822A5F9CF8-58157358-pasty>)
- Great First Cor meeting with almost 50 attending. Fr. Tyler gave a lesson on the Rosary, and we said one decade together.
- We have four new 4th-degree Sir Knights and their Ladies. Congrats to Andy, Eric, Ben, and Chuck.
- \$[REDACTED] last month to Blue Star Service Dogs (rescue dogs trained to be companions with vets). The 4th Degree on Monday, October 6, gave them over \$[REDACTED] with Honor Guard attendance for five vets/first responders and their dogs.
- We have three new knights (Brian LeVasseur, Rob Horning, and Steve King). Look for an exemplification in November when we find a date. We are looking for more as we need six more for Star Council. Who do you know you can personally invite, or ask them to call me, and I will invite them.
- Thanks to John K for continuing to do Kans for Kids deposits.
- 3rd Sunday needs Knights for gifts at Church for each mass(volunteers?)
  - o Dave Esser for 9 am Mass
  - o Dale Pepper and Mick Walton for 11:30 am Mass
  - o Please reach out if you're interested in volunteering for the 5 pm Mass on Saturday

## **Community: Dale Pepper**

- We had at least 50 people there on Sunday, standing out in Pinckney, fighting for the right to life
- Focus on Life dinner next Tuesday at Crystal dinner – 1 spot left for the table that we purchased
- The LCUI golf outing was held last week and was a huge success

## **Field Agent: Patrick Arndt**

- Investment opportunity KOCAA (Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors) to invest in accordance with the Catholic Faith (per USCCB)
  - o Guard and Grow strategy to protect the investments and to get a similar return on investment compared to other options
  - o 8 different managed funds to choose from (from big to small); 6 of the 8 have outperformed their benchmark
  - o Hedge options and strategies also exist
  - o Utilize the modern portfolio theory – highest return for the least amount of risk
  - o Index fund as well, lower cost to operate, and easier to manage (performing at 14% since inception)
- New Insurance – Chronic Illness Armor Rider: another avenue to get benefits from life insurance to enable long-term / extended care
- 403Bs/ 401Ks are IRS codes, Life insurance code is, 7702J which provides many benefits (including tax free). Would be happy to meet individually
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm, will send out a flyer, which is the next Fraternal Benefit – Living Benefits with life insurance. Please register.

**Fr. Tyler:**

- Many thanks who joined the Cor gathering! Looking forward to the next one
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in November, the 8<sup>th</sup> due to All-Saints
  - o Focused on discussing the Rosary; encourage you all, take up the challenge to pray the rosary – at least one decade a day for peace
  - o Make it a priority for you and your family
  - o KofC has a long devotion to the Blessed Mother and to the Rosary
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beatification of Fr. Mike McGivney
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> feast of St. Pope John Paul II
- We've been reviewing our own security protocols as well as asking local police for advice on potential enhancements (regarding security after recent events)
  - o As men and the leaders of our parish, I encourage you to be vigilant! We must ensure that all of our families feel safe.

**District Deputy: Steve Schafer**

- Thank you for the great start to the year!
- Thank you for submitting 10780 forms on time!
- Thank you for being youth compliant and staying on top of that
- Membership – we grow the order for other Catholic men to grow in their faith. Please keep up the good work
  - o First and foremost – we are a fraternity
  - o When you have candidates, it's important to get them in as soon as possible
  - o Tablecloth and banner are additional incentives prior to the end of the fraternal year
- Please use KofC emails (for those who have them)
- Please use the talking points that are sent
- ASAP 100 – 100% of councils in MI to support ASAP (new business). Be sure to fill out the forms once you do
- Would like more councils to submit for State program awards
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, March for Life at the MI Capital
  - o Please wear Knight's gear if you do go
- Sweatshirt drive for Holy Cross Services – if so, I need gifts by Sept 10<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for a host for two events; please let me know if you're interested
  - o Spring District Meeting for ~60 people
  - o July Diocesan meeting for ~150 people
- 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at St. John Hartland tomorrow night at 7:30 pm

**Unfinished Business / New Business:**

- Motion to donate Holy Cross Services \$ [redacted] (UNA)
- ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) \$ [redacted] now, and the Supreme Council matches \$ [redacted] (ask for list). We are pro-life, so let's support those families who keep their pregnancy.
  - o Pregnancy Helpline, 7743 W Grand River, Suite 101, Brighton, MI 48114.
  - o Motion to donate to Pregnancy Helpline \$ [redacted] (UNA)
- \$ [redacted] more for Fr. Tyler Installation Mass. Cost \$ [redacted], Knights paid \$ [redacted] and asked to give \$ [redacted] more, while RAS will give \$ [redacted] (UNA)
- \$ [redacted] for Pinckney Spooktacular, October 25 from 6-8 PM... candy and rosaries, Holy Spirit also contributing and joint stand/table. Andy will work the table. (UNA)

**Sick and Prayer:** Fr. Tyler, Dcn. Randy, Dcn. Dan, Dcn. Ryan, Brian Corwin, Bill Bucklund, Lee Hazel, Darrin Casey, Adam Carlile, Mike Bourdeau, Norb Rickelmann, Bob Tedrick, Ruth Miller, Kathy Meyer, Marlene Beck, Kay Muller, Susan Gurta, Ben Storemski, Bob Tedrick, Betty Zielinski, Mark Pogorzelski, Laura O'Branovic, Reno Cassar, Linda Walton, Marie Esser, Tony Esser, John Esser, Candy and Laura (from the rescue project), and the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Leo, for October: For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

**Repose of the Souls:** Kathy Esser

**Knight of the Month:** Fr. Tyler, Dcn. Dan, Dcn. Randy, & Dcn. Ryan for how often they go out to help our parishioners, including anointing of the sick and counseling

**Family of the Month:** Earl and Jan Blackburn and friends for their leadership with Pasties

**Closing Prayer:** Andy Weisel

**Meeting Closed:** 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Br. Paul X. Cassar