

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish Pinckney, Michigan

Council # 11761

Planning Meeting: September 24, 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
E	Treasurer	Scott Berry
E	Lecturer	Pat Hohl
—	Advocate	Eric Shanes
E	Warden	Todd Darling
E	Inside Guard	Tony O'Branovic
E	Outside Guard	Hank Kiel
—	Trustee (3 yr)	Jim Bonifer
—	Trustee (2 yr)	John Korneder
E	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 th 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

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm

Opening Prayer offered by: Andy Weisel

Deposits Tonight: \$142 Kans4Kids

Grand Knight: Andy Weisel

- If you did not receive a text from me and want to be on a Pinckney Knights blind list (not shared mobile numbers), please text me at 573.814.0774 to be added.
- Planning Meeting Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 PM.
- Next General Business Meeting October 8.
- Pasty Sales this weekend after masses
- 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 was near record attendance and raised good money for a start-up event. Please sign up for the October 5 breakfast at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA723A3F58-58925128-breakfast>
- 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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AACA822A5F9CF8-58157358-pasty>
- Hold October 4, First Cor Parish Men's meeting with Fr. Tyler
 - o 7:30 am breakfast, 8-9 am program, 9 am mass; call me if you plan to attend at (573) 814-0774)
- Oct 4, 2025 - 4th Degree Exemplification – Chuck, Eric, Ben, Andy Shmina attending. Patriotism is an important part of the Knight's mission, and we support a lot of veteran events like VA Bingo, VA blankets, and we gave \$500 last month to Blue Star Service Dogs (rescue dogs trained to be companions with vets).

- We have two new knights (Brian LeVasseur and Rob Horning). We are looking for more and will schedule an exemplification. Please prayerfully consider who you could invite to join!
- Patrick Arndt will come to the general business meeting at will talk about new investments

Phil Mielack:

- Do we still give away Teddy Bears for baptisms?
 - o Andy gives them out as he hears of them

Chuck:

- Fr. Tyler was thrilled at the turnout for the installation Mass. We contributed \$500 but the bill for the food eclipsed \$2,200 – asking for \$500 more from the Knights. RAS will also donate \$1,000.
 - o Aligned to make a motion at the next general business meeting

Dale Pepper:

- Norb Rickelman at Chelsea retirement community at an assisted living community. He's declining pretty rapidly. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Men's retreat went well, we had 6 Knights there. It was one of the best ones that we went to; great speeches.
- Life Chain is on Sunday, Oct 5th from 2-3 pm. We have 40-50 signs and will be staged by the gazebo; you can sign in there.
- Tues Oct 14th is the Focus on Life Dinner at Crystal Gardens, we purchased a table of 10 and still have room for 3 more – please reach out to Dale if you're interested.

Dave Esser:

- Training this Saturday for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers
- Statue at the seminary – need to figure out the cost of repairs first, and will make a motion thereafter

Earl Blackburn:

- Thank you so much for coming out to volunteer to make pasties – it went really smooth
 - o Please sign up in advance for the next pasty making event Oct 17th & 18th

Jim Bonifer:

- There may be an opportunity to donate to the rectory for updates. A parishioner is leading the effort and will get back to me on what they might need

DD Steve Schafer:

- Presented an award for Tim Burke for recruiting a new Knight
- Bringing greetings from the State Deputy
 - o Did make a donation for the fundraiser for Mary Borsnick on behalf of the District
- Thank you for joining the bi-district meeting and for the coats for kids donation
- Strong recommendation that all councils have a general liability policy (Knights are not self-insured)
- Fundraiser for Lansing Diocese for cross-catholic outreach
 - o For meal kits to be distributed globally, looking to produce about 60k which would require \$20-30k worth of funds
 - o They were hoping for donations from each council of \$250-\$300
 - o When more info is available, will cascade prior to you taking action
- Cor – please be sure to report those gatherings
- Living Rosary the 13th – it was a nice event but sparsely attended (around 200), beautiful Saturday afternoon
 - o Would be good to promote better next year and plan to travel with a group of Knights
- St. Pats is having an exemplification on Sunday, if you have any members ready to join
 - o St. Mary Magdalene will have one Oct 9th at 7pm

- Bishop Boyea was at Holy Spirit for St. Padre Pio's feast day. Catholic Health International is in a legal battle with Genoa township about building a Hospital and Medical University in Howell, Bishop Boyea donated a piece of property where a prayer chapel was to be built there.
 - o Please learn more about this initiative as it will be right in our back yard and they are welcoming donations.

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: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Br. Paul X. Cassar