



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Knights of Columbus Council # 17304

Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026

Time: 7:05 PM

Location: St. Martin de Porres Parish Hall

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Worthy Grand Knight Nathan Bernard.

2. Opening Prayer

The Council prayed the Lord's Prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests:

- Tim Cox
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4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the March 2026 Council meeting were posted to the Council website.

Motion: Approve March minutes as posted.

- **Made by:** Ruben Diaz
 - **Seconded by:** Jerry Barta
 - **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote.
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5. Chaplain's Report

Fr. Steven was unable to attend.

6. Grand Knight's Report – Nathan Bernard

Nathan thanked the Council for support throughout the recent fish fry season.

Additional updates included:

- Fraternal meal held at **Tender Smokehouse** on April 8, organized by Russ Woodford.
 - Next fraternal meal planned for **Rosa's**; date/time to be announced.
 - April birthdays were recognized.
 - Council survey remains open to help determine desired involvement, future programming, and planning for the next fraternal year.
 - Members were encouraged to complete the survey.
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7. Treasurer's Report

Sergio Guerrero was absent; financial report was provided by **George**.

Treasurer's Report as of 03/31/2026

Cash & CDs: \$26,917.54

- **Chase Checking:** \$13,605.76

- **Chase Savings:** \$1,000.70
- **CDs:** \$12,311.08

CDs

Four CDs at **3.4%**, maturing in approximately **5 months**:

- \$3,077.77 – Crisis & Contingency Fund
- \$3,077.77 – Monument Fund
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- \$3,077.77 – Monument Fund / Piano allocation

Less: Outstanding Checks: \$0.00

Less: Allocated to Projects: \$0.00

Available & Unallocated: \$14,606.46

- Checking: \$13,605.76
- Savings: \$1,000.70

8. Membership & Admissions – Dean Hansen

Dean introduced **Tim Cox**, who attended to learn more about the Knights. Tim shared his background, including software development experience and helping smoke meat for charity events.

Membership updates included:

- Council is on track to achieve **Two Star Council** status this year.
- Dean noted the importance of continued recruiting due to member attrition across the order.
- A new **Membership Director** will be needed for the next fraternal year as Dean moves into additional roles.
- Nathan emphasized the importance of filling officer and director roles for the coming year.

Prospects Mentioned

- Giovanni Bernal
- Chris Nelson
- Lloyd Ruffle

Chris and Lloyd expressed interest following the recent men’s event.

Retention / Dues

Members were reminded to pay dues and keep their membership cards current. Starting next fraternal year, members owing more than \$80 in dues may be transferred out of the local council. Members not receiving dues notices should contact George to update their information with Supreme and the Council email list.

9. Program & Committee Reports

Faith – Rob Daleo

Rob was absent. No new Faith updates. Monthly Thursday Adoration / Holy Hour will continue.

Family

No update; director absent.

Life – Paul Parks

No major update. Possible summer **Rosaries for Life** are being discussed. Members were reminded that the **Rosary for Life** is prayed on the first Saturday of each month at **11:15 AM** in the chapel before Noon Mass.

Community – Dominic Gervase

Dominic was absent; updates were provided by others.

Bingo de Mayo

- Scheduled for **May 2**.
- Mexican food will be catered.
- Setup begins around **5:00 PM**.
- Food expected around **6:00 PM**.
- Bingo begins at **7:00 PM**.
- Teardown expected around **10:00 PM**.
- Volunteers are needed for setup, serving, and cleanup.

Wheelchair Sunday

- Scheduled for **May 2–3** after all Masses.
- Volunteers needed to help collect donations and distribute information.
- Help especially needed after the **1:30 PM Spanish Mass**.
- \$150 funds one wheelchair.
- This remains one of the Council's largest annual fundraising efforts.

St. Lawrence Crew – Ray

Ray was absent. May breakfast tacos are planned. No April breakfast tacos.

Technology / AV

No update.

Fraternal

No separate update.

Fourth Degree – Ruben Diaz

Mario Martinez was absent; Ruben Diaz provided the update.

- Fourth Degree membership needs additional support and participation.
- Three new members joined the Fourth Degree at the recent exemplification in Wichita Falls.
- Ruben encouraged members to consider joining the Fourth Degree, especially to support funerals, exemplifications, and other ceremonial events.
- Next Fourth Degree business meeting is **April 23 at 6:30 PM** in Portable Building B, Classroom 2.
- Members interested in helping at the State Convention should contact Rob Daleo.

Insurance Agent Report – Don Burks, CFP®

Don was unable to attend.

10. District Deputy Report

Dominic Gervase was absent; Dean Hansen provided updates.

- State Convention will be held April 24–26 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Dallas.
 - Elections will be held for state leadership positions.
 - Incoming state leadership will place emphasis on training and Knights protocol.
 - Members were reminded to carry a current membership card.
 - Dean noted that he will be moving into the role of Diocesan Deputy and will oversee multiple district deputies and councils.
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11. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

12. New Business

Financial Secretary Report / Budget Planning

George reported:

- Council remains in good standing with Supreme and the State.
- Bills are current.
- Council has approximately **\$14,600** available in unallocated cash.
- Revenue and expenses are generally balanced for the year, with Bingo expected to help bring the year back into alignment.
- Budget planning is underway for the next fraternal year.
- The budget will require two Council approvals over two meetings.
- Members interested in budget priorities are encouraged to attend the upcoming meetings.

Dues Reminder

George reminded members that dues notices have been sent multiple times. Anyone not receiving notices should contact him to update records.

Bills Presented

Bill: \$99.64 for pizza dinner for the Council meeting.

Motion: Approve payment of bills as read.

- **Made by:** Loren
- **Seconded by:** Ron
- **Vote:** Motion carried.

New Business Process

Nathan reminded members that new business should generally be raised first at the monthly planning meeting, held on the first Monday of the month, so ideas can be developed into clear proposals before being brought to the business meeting for discussion and vote.

13. Good of the Order

Knight of the Month

Ray Mangold

Family of the Month

Murrin Family

Lecturer's Reflection – Jerry Barta

Jerry reflected on the recent men's summit and the opportunity for the Knights to connect with younger men seeking to grow in faith, family life, and service to Christ.

He also reflected on the Gospel account of the **Road to Emmaus**, emphasizing Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Jerry challenged members to remain in prayer and thanksgiving for several minutes after Mass to grow in awareness of Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

14. Grand Knight's Summary

Nathan briefly summarized the meeting and noted the Council is moving into an important planning period for the next fraternal year, including officer roles, director needs, budget planning, membership, and upcoming events. Members were encouraged to stay involved and help strengthen the Council's leadership and programs.

15. Prayer Requests

The Council offered prayers for:

- **Chuy / Charles Dillman** – in memory care
- **Al Elliott** – prayers for family and for children to return to the faith

- **Loren's intention** – two teachers dealing with cancer diagnoses
 - **Ruben Diaz** – personal prayer request
 - **Russ Woodford** – heart health concerns
 - **Jeff Jordan** – stage IV pancreatic cancer; placed in hospice
 - **Santiago Guerrero** – Sergio's grandfather, recently passed; prayer for the repose of his soul
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16. Closing Prayer

The Council prayed the **Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney**, led by **Grand Knight Nathan Bernard**.

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:05 PM**.

Minutes prepared by:

SK Nick Cumberland, Recorder