



St Matthias Knights of Columbus Council 16945 Meeting Minutes March 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight, Vic Senese at 7:05 pm.

The following officers were present: Grand Knight Vic Senese, Chancellor Bill Burke, Recorder Jim Lambert, Treasurer Xavier Mendoza, Advocate Sam Brune, Warden Brian Muller, Inside Guard Terry Tomera, Outside Guard Greg Filipowski, Trustee 2 Year Mike Havens, Trustee 3 Year Ron Simko.

The minutes of the February 2nd meeting were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Xavier Mendoza and seconded by Ron Simko. Motion carried.

There were 21 members present as well as the District Deputy. We welcomed a new member, Ramon Rocka, to the council.

In the absence of the Chaplain, Deacon Greg presented members with the Monthly Challenge. As we continue through Lent, members are challenged to pray the Stations of the Cross each week—in your parish community, with your family or individually—with the intention of receiving the courage to suffer for Christ.

Grand Knights Report

- We have been asked to have a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 28th to coincide with the Easter Egg Hunt. Split profits with Family Life.
- Tom Hawes has requested assistance from the Council in placing flags at Veterans' gravesites at Maplewood Cemetery in May.
- Gibault is having its annual Golf Scramble in May and asking for support from councils.
- Share Foundation is asking for support.

Financial Report

- We presently have a liquid balance of \$10483.88 as well our two Cd's.
- Gibault Raffle Tickets are available.

District Deputy Report

- State convention will be held April 17-19 in Fort Wayne
- Council Activity Tracker needs to be updated.

Program Report

- Next Corporate Communion is scheduled for Sunday, March 29th at 10:30 Mass. Adoration to follow.

- Spaghetti Dinner is on Saturday, March 21st, serving from 4-6:30. If you can assist please let Jim Lambert know (219-775-1392). Spread the word to family and friends. Proceeds go to the Scholarship fund.
- Saturday, March 28th will be Breakfast with the Bunny from 9-12. Workers will be needed.

Old Business

- The motion made at the February 2026 meeting regarding spending up to \$5000 for storage of Council materials was brought up for a required second vote. Vic provided some examples of ready-made lockable storage units that would cost considerably less than the \$5000 that was allotted. Discussion ensued as to what our options are. A motion was made by Sam Brune and seconded by Xavier Mendoza to use up to \$5000 of available funds for a lockable storage unit. A majority of members present voted for this expenditure. Motion carried.

New Business

- Mike Havens made a motion to help fund the Gibault Golf Scramble at the \$200 level. Seconded by Bill Burke. Motion carried
- Tom Turey made a motion that we donate \$100 to the Share Foundation, Seconded by Ron Simko. Motion carried.
- Ryan Wills brought to the attention of the Council the Make a Kids Smile (MAKS) non-profit out of Chesterton. The organization provides personal care and comfort items to foster children prior to state case workers delivering items the foster kids needed. Ryan made a motion that we donate \$200 to that organization to assist in getting some needed items. Seconded by Tom Turey. Motion carried.
- It was brought up that we made want to consider making some tweaks to the Scholarships for the 2027 cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 21 st	Spaghetti Dinner, 4-6:30, Hall (HELP is needed to make this event a success)
Saturday, March 28 th	Breakfast with the Bunny, 9-12, Hall, (HELP is also needed for this event)
Sunday, March 29 th	Corporate Communion 10:30 Mass Adoration to follow.
Monday April 6 th	Council Meeting, 7pm, double classroom

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