



St Matthias Knights of Columbus Council 16945 Meeting Minutes May 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight, Vic Senese at 7:00 pm.

Prior to the start of the business meeting, Tom Hawes spoke to the membership regarding placing flags on military graves for Memorial Day at Maplewood Cemetery in Crown Point. The Council has decided to do this on Monday, May 18th at 6pm.

The following officers were present: Grand Knight Vic Senese, Chancellor Bill Burke, Recorder Jim Lambert, Advocate Sam Brune, Warden Brian Muller, Outside Guard Greg Filipowski, Trustee 1 Year Tim Kreke, Trustee 2 Year Mike Havens, Trustee 3 Year Ron Simko.

The minutes of the April 6th meeting were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mike Havens and seconded by Bill Burke. Motion carried.

There were 19 members present as well as the District Deputy.

Due to the absence of the Chaplain, there was no Monthly Challenge presented.

Grand Knight Report

- Thanks to all who assisted with the Tootsie Roll Drive this past weekend.
- Thanks to all who attended the Knights Mass this past Sunday. Thanks also to Tom Turey for organizing this event.
- The new storage cabinet has been assembled, and our supplies have been transferred.
- Our Bylaws state that we are supposed to have a Relief Fund (\$500). We will add the Relief Fund line item to our budget for the next fraternal year beginning in July.
- Camp Lawrence is seeking donations to sponsor campers for the season.
- We had 5 applicants for the Scholarship this year.
- Tim Kreke will investigate options for recognizing Fr Jim's leadership at St. Matthias.
- A slate of officers was presented. Election of officers will take place at the June meeting.

Slate of Officers

Elections will be on Monday, June 1st

Grand Knight	Vic Senese	Warden	Brian Mueller
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Jankauskis	Inside Guard	Terry Tomera
Chancellor	Bill Burke	Outside Guard	Greg Filipowski
Recorder	Jim Lambert	Trustee 1 Year	Mike Havens
Treasurer	Xavier Mendoza	Trustee 2 Year	Ron Simko
Advocate	Sam Brune	Trustee 3 Year	Tim Kreke

Financial Report

- We have a balance of \$10356.22

District Deputy Report

- The annual convention was this past April. Per capita due will increase by \$2 with the increase shared with State and Gibault.

Program Report

- Next Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 17th. As always, help will be needed. Prep begins at 7:30
- Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, May 31st.
- We will be having a guided tour of the Shrine of Christ's Passion on Sunday, June 14th at 12:30 this is open to members and their families.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Mike Havens made a motion to fund a campership at Camp Lawrence for \$500. Seconded by Ron Simko. Motion carried.
- Since no one applied for the Legacy Scholarship, Tim Kreke made the motion that we award two Ken Sadowski Scholarships this year. Seconded by Ron Smko. After discussion the motion carried but was not a unanimous vote.
- Should we be considering organizations for the Tootsie Roll profits? It was decided to wait until next month when we have all the money deposited.
- Any information on a travelling icon? The District Deputy said he would investigate that for the council.
- Ron Simko suggested after consultation with the Garage Sale Chairperson that we should consider providing a meal for the workers during one of the drop-off days as well as the hotdog meal we provide the Thursday of the Sale. Tim Kreke made a motion that we allocate up to \$500 for food for the garage sale. Seconded by Sam Brune. Motion carried.
- Tim Kreke said he will investigate brewery tour options as a possible social event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 17th

Pancake Breakfast 9-12 (workers needed from 7:30 on), Hall

Sunday, May 31st

Corporate Communion

Monday, June 1st

Council Meeting/Election of Officers, 7 pm, Double Classroom

Sunday, June 14th

Tour Shrine of Christ's Passion, 12:30, @ the Shrine, St. John, IN

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Reminder.....Council clothing can be purchased through links found on our website