

 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

 Council 13144

 Meeting of August 21st 2025

Roll call was taken of officers [P-Present, A-Absent]

Grand Knight/ Dave Cotter [P] Deputy Grand Knight/ Kevin Voeller [P]

Financial Sec/ Dan Falk [P] Chancellor/ Mike Coleman [A]

Recorder/ Dennis Abbott [A] Treasurer/ Justin Remer [P]

Advocate/ Dick Garoutte [A] Warden/ Jim Schneider [A]

Inside Guard/ William Oneill [A] Outside Guard/ James Zierden [P]

1 Yr Trustee/ Al Fikse [A] 2 Yr Trustee/ Steve Swor [A]

3 Yr Trustee/ Kirk Lowe [A] Chaplain/ Fr Thomas Galarneault [A]

Lecturer/ Jim Clack [P]

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and was followed by the opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of officers as presented above.
2. The June meeting minutes were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve, seconded by Tim. The motion passed.
3. GK Dave reported the corn sale fundraiser was highly successful, with many generous acts noted from buyers. Final details still need to be wrapped up. Discussion was held about replacing summer pancake breakfasts with corn sales due to logistical challenges in the church dining area. It was suggested to increase volunteer numbers for bagging and selling corn in future years.
4. Dan presented updated financial reports, including monthly totals and a fiscal year overview of all fund balances. The Semiannual Council Audit Report (as of June 30, 2025) was shared. Marv made a motion to approve the report, seconded by James. The motion passed.
5. Dan shared updated financial reports including monthly totals along with fiscal year snapshot of all fund balances. The Semiannual Council Audit Report as of June 30, 2025 was shared those present. Marv made a motion and seconded by James to approve the Minutes and the motion passed.
6. GK Dave discussed ongoing conversations with local councils about realigning coat distribution, including possibly adding Longville to our council. Some institutions declined donations, but WHA School District accepted many coats. GK Dave asked if the council will continue the program next fiscal year. Dan requested a review of last year’s recipients, total coats distributed, and current needs. Coat orders must be submitted by Labor Day. Deacon Jim will check with Longville regarding their need for coats. Deacon Jim made a motion to allocate up to $4,000 for this year’s coat donations, seconded by Marv. The motion passed.
7. GK will start sharing information about fish fry’s in September to get ahead of logistics and conversations for this year. Conversation was had on ways to save on the cost of fish for this year. Various members will reach out to inquire on prices.
8. District Deputy Dave Pritschet shared his desire to be a resource for the council attending at least three meetings or events for each council. He mentioned the option of hybrid district meetings and ideas to help in recruitment and involvement. Dave is asking each council in the district to share a council plan and SMART goal along by new member recruitment by October to help direct each council and clarify how Dave can assist us. This year’s icon is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Dave requested that we share dates that we would like to host this icon.
9. Council #13144 was awarded the 2025 Star Council Award, recognizing outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, and programing. This is the second consecutive year that the council has earned this distinction.
10. Meeting adjourned following the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin Voeller (DGK)