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Knights of Columbus Council 14505 Meeting Minutes

14 October 2025

Grand Knight's Report – Sean Gammon

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

In place of the Rosary, the Knight's Benefits Representative, Livio Santos, gave a presentation.

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Coats for Kids distribution will take place on November 14th – volunteers are needed.

Joe Schmidt has volunteered to serve as the new Financial Secretary, pending approval.

John Gallagher has volunteered to step into the soon-to-be-vacant Treasurer position.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Schmidt

Account Balances (as of September 1, 2025)

- Checking: \$3,141.63
- Savings: \$18,402.32
- Total: \$21,543.95

Deposits (September 2025):

A total of \$2,202.23 was deposited during the month, including:

- Parish reimbursement for July & August donuts – \$797.94
- Coats for Kids donation (Ron & Mary Holzinger) – \$500.00
- August Council Meeting proceeds (SOS \$27, Attendance \$24, 50/50 \$26) – \$67.00
- St. Francis of Assisi reimbursement for Spaghetti Dinner – \$540.84
- Parish Fellowship Sunday donations for ENLC – \$256.50
- WPCU Money Market interest – \$39.95

Funds Issued:

Checks and electronic payments totaling \$3,640.82 were issued in September for charitable donations, seminarian support, event supplies, and matching funds.

Virtual Account Balances (Designated Funds):

- Assorted Charities – \$1,509.80
- Attendance Fund – \$63.00
- Bishop Fenwick Society – \$2,341.02
- Coats for Kids – \$204.65
- Elizabeth New Life Center – \$854.02
- Give Me 5 / Measure Up – \$257.50
- Knights in Need – \$1,000.00
- Seminarian Fund – \$2,061.83
- Support Our Seminarians – \$1,059.73

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- Give Me 5 / Measure Up – \$257.50
- Knights in Need – \$1,000.00
- Seminarian Fund – \$2,061.83
- Support Our Seminarists – \$1,059.73

Fundraising Activity:

- Football CRAZR Ticket sales – \$260.00
- General Fund – \$10,493.81

Current Bank Account Balances (as of September 30, 2025):

- Checking: \$1,663.09
- Savings: \$18,442.27
- Total: \$20,105.36

Membership Report – Michael Freil

No updates at this time. The council still needs eight new members to meet its annual quota. Knights are encouraged to reach out and invite fellow men to join the council. Prayers requested for Fr. Schmitmeyer, whose health has worsened.

Faith Formation – Danny Sprouse

Reflection on St. John Henry Newman's prayer: "Lead, Kindly Light."

Other Updates – Mike Manzo

The Spaghetti Dinner has been canceled.
Volunteers are needed for painting and building shelves.
Additional volunteers are needed over the next two Mondays for Right to Life activities.

4th Degree – John Hoffman

All checks for seminarists have been sent. One payment requires follow-up.
Benj Klare is expected to be ordained in May 2026.
Coats for Kids volunteers are needed on November 14th at 3:00 PM.

District Deputy's Report – John Brown

The COR Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Director has been asked to submit quarterly status reports.
Coats for Kids drop-off will take place at St. Francis on November 14th.
Final CRAZR Football Ticket turn-in is October 27th.
Icon availability dates remain open.

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New Business

Mike Tortorici: The Pilgrimage is scheduled for October 26 – November 5, 2026.

Danny Sprouse: The blessing of the new ultrasound machine at ENLC occurred on September 29th.

Mike Nowak will submit his resignation effective November 1st.

The Council formally elected John Gallagher to assume Treasurer duties effective November 1, 2025, succeeding Joe Schmidt. Effective 1 November 2025 the three signatories to the Council's Wright-Pat Credit Union account will be updated as follows:

John Gallagher, Treasurer. John replaces Joe Schmidt on the account. Joe assumes Financial Secretary duty (once approved by Supreme) and is removed from the account.

Sean Gammon, Grand Knight. Sean stays on the account (no change).

Deogratias Eustace, Deputy Grand Knight. Deo stays on the account (no change).

Our Lady of Light Ministries

“Meet Your Maker’s Mark” – October 25th (Saturday):

– Mass at 4:30 PM

– Adoration at 5:45 PM

– Fellowship from 6:15–9:00 PM

Men’s Retreat at Maria Stein: First weekend of January.

SEEK Conference at Columbus, OH: January 1–5.

Good of the Order

Livio Santos: Overview of Knights of Columbus Insurance.

Family of the Month: Dave and Barb Laurash

Knight of the Month: Mike Nowak

50/50 Raffle Winner: Mike Manzo

Attendance Drawing: Ed Dapore (not present)

Please keep in your prayers:

– Fr. Dan Myer (upcoming hernia surgery)

– Fr. Joseph and his mother

– All school-aged children

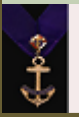
Special Farewell for Mike Nowak: Thank you for your sacrifice and service to our council. You have been an inspiration to many. You and your family will remain in our prayers. It has been an honor to serve alongside you; may the Holy Spirit guide your next steps. Faith, charity, and unity, until we meet again. God bless.

Benediction & Adjournment

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer and the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Grand Knight



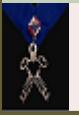
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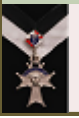
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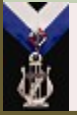
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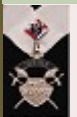
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