

Knights of Columbus
Council 11896
Mary Queen of Peace
Danville, Indiana 46122
Meeting Minutes for 2/4/2026
Call to order

Council Meeting called to order at about 7:00PM by Grand Knight Dave Howard

I. Opening Prayer was offered by the Grand Knight.

II. Roll call

The roll of officers was called and noted. The following persons were

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Chaplain Father Michael Fritsch	E	Financial Secretary John Schulte	P	Inside Guard Larry Kowalski	E
Grand Knight Dave Howard	P	Treasurer William Jankowski	P	Outside Guard Bob Duty	P
Deputy Grand Knight Matt Wichman	P	Lecturer Bart Hensley	P	Trustee 3rd Year Tom Mills	P
Chancellor Brian Rohrbaugh	P	Advocate Chuck McClean	P	Trustee 2nd Year Loren Becht	P
Recorder Chris McDowell	E	Warden Mark Richardt	E	Trustee 1st Year Mike Wigger	P

I. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from last meeting. It was seconded and approved unanimously

II. Form 100's None

III. **Grand Knight's Report:** Results from Chili /Gumbo Smackdown Gross \$1728, Net \$958 to be donated to Sheltering Wings. The Smackdown! was a great success again this year with 17 entries and over 60 attendees. The council would like to thank Chuck for all his efforts. Report on March for Life; Andrew Smith and Dave Howard attended- GK would like to send people again next year. John has agreed to be cleanup lead for fish fries.

IV. **Chaplin's Report - No Report**

V. **Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account Balance \$ \$2746.03

Savings Account Balance \$ 3614.44

VI. **Financial Secretary's Report:** John Schulte reports that quite a few people have renewed online this year and it has saved the Council money in postage.

VII. **Deputy Grand Knight: No report**

VIII. **Trustee's Report (s)** No report

Committees- Pro Life – March for life was a success and very worthwhile.

-Parish - No Report

IX. **Program Activities**

Faith – Mike Balensiefer reports that the last COR meeting was attended by 15 men and that the next meeting is this month on the 15th. Chuck commented on how much he was inspired by the last meeting and recommends all Knights attend and invite other parishioners.

Membership – One new member was not able to complete exemplification tonight so GK will offer to have them do it online. Mark Richardt reports that he will have three new members in the next couple of months

X. **Community – No report**

XI. **Continued Business** Tom Mills made a motion to contribute the \$958 proceeds from the smackdown! To Sheltering Wings. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. John S will mail the check.

Tent – Loren reported that holes are drilled and anchors set. He has set a tentative date of 2/17 to erect the tent based on weather. He will need six volunteers

Donuts St Susanna – Chuck will be leading donuts at St Susanna this weekend. We will be sharing with another smaller group and splitting profits. He needs a few volunteers mostly after 11:30 Mass.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

Fish Fries – GK discussed fish fries coming up 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20. The youth group has agreed to help again this year. Beth will be present and organize the youth. They have a retreat on 3/6 so WOKS (Wives of Knights) will be needed on that date. The fish fries will run from 4-7. Volunteers should arrive around 2:00 for setup. GFS is problematic for orders so we intend to lean on the new vendor, Performance.

Computer – Julie O'Neil has asked the Knights to support the parish by buying a new computer for MQP's new bookkeeper. Tom made a motion for \$500 to purchase the computer. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

HVAC Work – Bart Hensley reports that MQP's building committee has contracted to have the HVAC system completely redone the week after Easter. He asked the Knights to move items from the church basement to a POD container the week after the last fish fry. The GK suggested that it will be hard to get volunteers mid week right after the fish fries and suggested cancelling the last fish fry. He was shouted down by attending members of the council indicating they will all be there to help move things.

Community – Matt Wichman asked the Knights to support Sheltering Wings by participating in their reading in schools program. There is a fee to participate. The GK will send email

Donuts – There will be no donuts at MQP on 3/15 in support of the Ladies Club bake sale. Tom Mills asked for more volunteers to pick up donuts at Walmart.

Gift Card – Mike Wigger motioned to approve a \$100 gift card to Mike Pritchett who donated metal covers for the fish fryers. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Visitor Report

The Good of the Order

Please keep the following in your prayers

Bill's wife Julie before her surgery

Jon's friend and his family in Chicago who experienced a death in the family

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Grand Knight Dave Howard at about 7:40pm

Minutes taken by: Dave Howard