

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13181 BUSINESS MEETING JULY 13, 2026

The Council was called to order at 6:35 pm. by Grand Knight Rick Jensen.

- **PRAYER:** GK Rick Jensen led all brother Knights in praying The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary, and The Glory Be, and introduced a Prayer to St. Joseph, then, in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.
- **ROLL CALL:** 10 brother Knights and 3 guests were present.
- **MINUTES OF PRECEEDING MEETING:** Minutes were submitted online. A motion was made by Deputy Grand Knight Jim Daigle to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by brother Dave Devoe, and accepted by all.
- **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:** Guests Denise Mailhot & husband, brother Knight Claude Mailhot, from Holy Family Council 10019, were introduced. Denise spoke about the upcoming Basilica Tours, to be held during the weekend of the Balloon Festival, August 22-23, and described the volunteer opportunities needed to be filled. Sheets listing the positions was given, and placed on head table for sign-ups. GK Rick J. strongly encouraged participation; the annual audit is due next month: GK will meet with Financial Secretary Dan Bouffard, Treasurer Brian Labrecque, and Trustees to go over, sign, and submit to Supreme by August 15th. Items for old business and new business were briefly mentioned.
- **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** FS Dan B. listed 3 bills: Supreme Per Capita for \$68.25 (39 members), State Council Per Capita for \$560.75 (\$468.00 + 92.75 – Insurance Assessment), and FS Dan B. for \$190.75 (reimbursement of tablecloth purchase). A motion was made by Inside Guard Andy Maier to pay the bills, seconded by Lecturer Tom Page, and agreed to by all (a bill for new banners from Recorder Michael Fournier will be submitted next meeting).
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Absent (later submitted - As of June 30, 2026: Checking Account - \$23,339.38, Scholarship Account - \$1,628.00).
- **DIRECTOR REPORTS:** *Faith:* Director Tom Page spoke about the upcoming Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre (first bus is filled, Fr. Dan suggested for the Knights to sponsor 4th 2nd), and recited a Prayer for spouses (prayed each evening by him and his bride); *Life:* GK Rick Jensen spoke about (see attached); no other program reports.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, August 16th at Noon, at Holy Trinity Church Hall. DGK Jim D. has the menu items list, and will speak with the manager @ Food City about the ½ chicken purchase. Tickets will be sold prior to event at masses during upcoming weekends: GK Rick J. to coordinate and schedule bulletin and pre-Mass announcements. A motion was made to bring the adult ticket prices up to \$15 (from \$13) by brother Andy M., seconded by Chancellor Justin Castonguay, and agreed to by all; the Monthly Rosary will be held on Wednesday, August 5th, at The Basilica.

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- **NEW BUSINESS:** Knights of Columbus Annual High Mass to be held on Wednesday, September 9th at 6 p.m.; the K of C Retreat will take place the weekend of September 25th – 27th in Winthrop at Camp Mechuwana; the K of C Sea Dogs Baseball Outing is this coming Sunday in Portland at 1 p.m.; there will be a Men's ACTS Retreat this October, sponsored by St. Therese Parish of Sanford; The K of C Council 320 from Livermore is sponsoring their annual "Survive & Thrive" event on Friday, August 7th at The St. Rose of Lima Parish Camp in Livermore; The Basilica is having summer concerts every Wednesday, beginning at noon; there will be a summer drive for Adoration Guardians; and a Young Adult Retreat is happening on September 18th-20th in Harvard, MA.
- **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:** Worthy District Deputy Don Ellis, our distinguished guest, spoke about the upcoming District Deputy's meeting, to take place at The Basilica Church hall, on Wednesday, August 12th, at 6 p.m. All newly elected officers, as well as returning, are urged to attend, where they will be vested with their officer jewels. Your spouses and families are also welcome. Also mentioned by brother Don were: the Parish Picnic, Prince-a-Palooza, is happening on August 29th, at Holy Family Field; Coats for Kids Fall Campaign orders are due September 1st; and The Blue Mass for First Responders will be on Sunday, September 20th, at the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at The Basilica (volunteers are needed for The Honor Guard and security).
- **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Brother Sir Ryan recently became a 4th Degree Knight at the Bangor Exemplification; prayers are requested for brother Knights Don Champagne, Marc Gosselin, & Keith Evans, and council supporters Ron & Arlene.
- **CLOSING PRAYER:** Grand Knight Rick Jensen led all brothers present in The Canonization Prayer for Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2nd, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rick Jensen, Worthy Grand Knight (on behalf of Worthy Recorder, Michael Fournier)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL LIFE PROGRAM REPORT July 13, 2026

- Baby Kits have been distributed to several people and organizations throughout the state; any brother who knows someone who can benefit from one, please contact Rick Jensen, GK, after the meeting.
- Resolve Life, a pregnancy resource center in Waterville, sent a thank you note regarding this council's donation to their Annual Walk for Life, held on Saturday, May 16th.
- The 40 Days For Life Fall Campaign will begin on September on Wednesday, September 23rd, and run through Sunday, November 1.
- Biking for Babies, an organization of pro-life cyclists, left Gorham, Maine, to begin an awareness campaign for babies. This region's trek ends in Philadelphia.

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Rick Jensen, Life Program Director