



Greater Dayton Chapter
Knights of Columbus
www.daytonkofc.org

Feb. 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Greater Dayton Chapter Meeting, **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026**

1. At 7:00 pm the Rosary was said in honor of our brothers that are ill and in need of prayers.
2. Prior to Call to Order, the State Deputy presented a scholarship checks to Andrew Farmer (Junior at Chaminade Julianne HS) and Gabriel Memering (Junior at Archbishop Carroll HS) as part of the Ohio Charities Scholarships.
3. Call to Order: At 7:30 pm on February 17, 2026, Chapter President Vic Lauterbach called to order the monthly regular business meeting of the Greater Dayton Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. All present invoked the Divine blessing by repeating aloud the Lord's Prayer and then pledged allegiance to the Flag.
4. Roll Call (p - present; e - excused; a - absent).
 - a. Greater Dayton Chapter Officers:

President:	Vic Lauterbach (p)
Chaplain:	Father Ken Fortney (e)
Vice President:	Steve Berns (p)
Treasurer:	Scott Malott (p)
Secretary:	Jeremy Begines (p)
Warden:	Robert Burns (p)
 - b. District Deputies:

DD 5:	Jeremy Begines (p)
DD 6:	Ted Schorr (p)
DD 7:	Danny Sprouse (p)
DD 8:	John Brown (p)
DD 9:	Barry Takacs (e)
DD 10:	Charles Gneuhs (p)
 - c. Current State Officers:

State Deputy	Mike Felerski (p)
State Secretary	Jim Maslach (e)
State Treasurer	Chris Sarka (e)

State Advocate
 State Warden
 Immediate Past State Deputy
 State Chaplain

Tony Offenberger (e)
 Stew Vetter(e)
 Jeff Killiany (e)
 Father John Paul Walker (e)

- d. Past Chapter Presidents: No roll call
- e. Past Grand Knights in attendance residing within the Chapter area: No roll Call

f. Faithful Navigators:

Reverend B F Kuhlman Assembly 815	SK John Grady(p)
Archbishop Karl J Alter Assembly 1776	Reactivation
Joseph Cardinal Bernadine Assembly 3056	SK Forst Elliott (e)
Father Francis B Pilliod Assembly 3273	SK Riley Timbrook (e)
Monsignor Buckley Assembly 822	SK Frank Minnick (e)
Monsignor McNary Assembly 2299	SK Mike Klapheke (p)
Bishop Ford Assembly 2892	SK Jonathan Bishop (e)
Father Nicholas Schneider Assembly 3188	SK M. Scott Flischel (e)

g. State Council Appointees

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| i. State Staff Director: | Andrew Nuckols (p) |
| ii. State Insurance Liaison. | Jason Staas (e) |
| iii. State Growth Director | Mark Kosobud (e) |
| iv. State Program Director | Tim Mangan (p) |
| v. State District Deputy Director | John Hoffman (e) |
| vi. State Family Director | Michael Friel (p) |
| vii. State Public Relations | Mike Thomas (e) |
| viii. State E-Member Coordinator: | Vic Lauterbach (p) |
| ix. Hispanic Council Development Coordinator: | Robert Hernandez (e) |
| x. Archdiocesan District Deputy Coordinator: | Tom Hahn (e) |
| xi. Archdiocesan Growth Coordinator: | William Johannsen (e) |
| xii. Archdiocesan EFF Director: | Robert Richter (e) |

h. Past State Deputies: No roll call

i. Greater Dayton Chapter Council Delegates

Council	Name	District	Present	Council	Name	District	Present
3724	Fairborn (Fairborn)	5	0	4022	Maria Joseph (Kettering)	8	2
1801	Fr Alphonse Schumacher (Xenia)	5	1	10215	St Leonard (Centerville)	8	1
3730	Fr William O Conner (Dayton)	5	0	14504	Fr Francis X Hoffer O.F.M. (Centerville)	8	3
6144	A J Schulte (New Carlisle)	5	0	14891	Our Lady of the Light (Kettering)	8	3
7981	Rev J Daniel Schuh (Beavercreek)	5	1	14995	Monsignor Lawrence K Breslin (Kettering)	8	1

3344	Archbishop McNicholas (Piqua)	6	0	3369	Fr O'Donaghue (Wilmington OH)	9	0
3873	Fr W Howard Bishop (Troy)	6	0	4587	St Joseph (Miamisburg)	9	0
4424	Our Lady of Peace (Huber Heights)	6	0	14400	Fr Charles E Mentrup (Springboro)	9	0
5129	St John (Tipp City)	6	0	14882	Fr Martin T Gilligan (Dayton)	9	0
12912	Fr Aufderheide (Vandalia)	6	2	17092	Fr Joseph Lutmer (Waynesville)	9	0
15424	Monsignor Robert J Von Kaenel (Covington)	6	0	1610	St John Paul II (Middletown)	10	2
500	Dayton (Dayton)	7	1	14563	Our Lady of Sorrows (Monroe)	10	2
3698	Eaton (Eaton)	7	0	15330	Holy Name of Jesus (Trenton)	10	0
3754	Marian (Dayton)	7	2				
15645	Holy Angels (Dayton)	7	0				
16571	La Morenita De Guadalupe (Dayton)	7	0				

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k. Hennepin Province:

i. Ohio District #2 Arch Chief of Staff.

SK Michael Gauder (p)

l. Knights of Columbus Insurance Program:

i. General Agent, the Greater Ohio Agency:

Jason C. Staas (e)

ii. Assistant General Agent:

Jeff Cummons (e)

iii. Assistant General Agent:

Chad Muhlenkamp (e)

iv. Assistant General Agent:

Pete Holm (e)

v. Field Agent, the Greater Ohio Agency:

Robert Hernandez (e)

vi. Field Agent, the Greater Ohio Agency:

James Warner (e)

m. Guests: None

4. Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the Jan. meeting as distributed and published. The motion was approved by a voice vote with any corrections noted and made.

5. Chapter Officers' Reports

a. Chaplain's Report

i. Fr. Ken Fortney has agreed to become the Dayton Chapter Chaplain. Whenever Fr. Fortney is available to attend our meetings we will give him a warm welcome and thank him for agreeing to be our Chaplain.

b. President's Report:

i. All Chapter Rosaries will be dedicated to those of our Sir Knights and Knights that are ill or battling diseases.

- ii. IF your Council wishes to bring in Food, Dessert, or Snacks to share After the Meeting, you are welcomed to do so.
- iii. The Purpose of the Chapter Meeting is to Exchange Information, Share Ideas, and to Help Councils that are Struggling, as well as supporting Our Priests and Seminarians. DDs are reminded to have your Councils represented at the Chapter Meeting
- iv. Encourage councils that are part of Dayton Chapter to send their delegates to Chapter meeting.
- v. Ohio State's Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets sale kicked off on Valentine's Day
 - 1. Easy fund raiser that helps councils to grow their charity funds
- vi. A lot of Knights and family members are sick in that area. Please remember the sick in your prayer.

c. Vice President's Report: No Report

d. Treasurer's Report: As of 1/31/26

For information regarding Chapter finances, contact: treasurer@daytonkofc.org

- i. [REDACTED]
- ii. [REDACTED]
 - 1. [REDACTED]
 - 2. [REDACTED]
- iii. [REDACTED]
- iv. Checks Written:
 - 1. Catholic Athletes for Christ: \$500
 - 2. Dayton Habitat for Humanity: \$100
 - 3. Dave Weeks (For Plaque): \$115.64
- v. [REDACTED]

e. Secretary's Report:

- i. Please report your Councils' delegates (which you are authorized 3) to webmaster@daytonkofc.org
- ii. It is requested that all DD's provide a copy of Form 185 to the Treasurer for consolidation with the Secretary, so we have a way to contact all Councils

f. Warden's Report: 25 Members present and verified. \$76 in the Pot and \$51 SOS

6. Greater Dayton Chapter Program Reports

a. Chapter Programs:

- i. Paul Gruhler: Please work on your nominees packages for the 2025-26 Paul Gruhler Award. Even if you submitted a Knight in the past and they didn't win you can submit them again. Chapter President would like to see more nominations this year.
- ii. Chapter Web Site www.daytonkofc.org:
 - 1. January meeting minutes with corrections were published on the website
 - 2. The February Arch Newsletter has been updated on the Chapter Website
 - 3. The February Buckeye Bulletin has been updated on the Chapter Website
 - 4. Please report your Councils' delegates (which you are authorized 3) to webmaster@daytonkofc.org
 - a. Unless your a registered Delegate or Alternate you can not post to the Chapter E-Mail list

5. If you have any events you like to be advertised on the Chapter website please email them to webmaster@daytonkofc.org
- b. Church: No Report
- c. Community:
 - i. CDCE (VAVS) Report (SK Bob Burns):
 1. Proposed list of Knights activities has been submitted to the VA
 - a. We have not received a response back yet
 2. Donations
 - a. Council 4022 donated coats from Coats for Kids to VA
 - b. Council 14891 solicited contributions from parishioners of the Mother of God family parishes
 - i. The response has been overwhelming
 - c. Both the contributions and the coats will be delivered the VA Hospital
 3. Honor Flight
 - a. Next Honor Flight will be 30 May
 - i. Details will be announced later
 - b. If you severed 7 Dec 1941 and 7 May 1975 and have Honorable Discharge you are eligible
 - i. Veterans fly free
 - ii. More Information can be found at www.HonorFlightDayton.org
 - c. Anyone can volunteered to be a Guardian
 - i. Guardian assist the Veterans throughout the day especially those in a wheelchair
 - ii. Guardians must pay their own way
 - iii. More Information can be found at www.HonorFlightDayton.org
 4. Deputy VAVS Representative
 - a. Unfortunately current Deputy VAVS Representative SK Ed Hiehle has step down due health concerns
 - b. Anyone interested in becoming the New Deputy VAVS Representative should contact SK Bob Burns
 5. Reminder: Optional portion of the Chapter bill marked VAVS (\$50) is how we fund all these events.
 - d. Culture of Life:
 - i. ASAP Incentive
 1. Any council that recruits 3 new members between 1 Feb-31 Mar and donates at least \$500 through the ASAP program will receive an additional \$250 towards the pregnancy center or maternity home they support
 - a. The top 10 recruiting councils will also receive an additional \$750 for the pregnancy resource or maternity home
- e. Family: No Report
- f. Youth: No Report
- g. Faith: No Report

7. State Council Appointees' Remarks:
 - a. State Staff Director:
 - i. March 25th is a Night with Knights at Mt. St. Mary's seminary
 - b. State Insurance Liaison: No Report
 - c. State Growth Director: No Report
 - d. State Program Director:
 - i. March 25 is a Day for the Unborn
 1. This will be excellent day to do Holy Hour for Life With Our Lady of Guadalupe program
 - ii. Easter Season is approaching and there will be a lot of First Communions and Confirmations
 1. See of your local council will participate in Spiritual Gifts program
 - iii. 40 Days for life begins on Ash Wednesday which is February 18th
 1. Knights from council all over Dayton area will be participating in the 40 days for life throughout the event
 - e. State District Deputy Director: No Report
 - f. State Family Director:
 - i. The following individuals won Ohio State's Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest:
 1. Grade K: Rae Ann Wood Conneaut Ohio Council 5286
 2. Grade 2 Andrew Dobbelaere Plain City Ohio Council 12772
 3. Grade 3 Ava Graham Oregon Ohio Council 14344
 4. Grade 4 Elise Hein Marysville Ohio Council 12772
 5. Grade 5 Viniliya Vinjo Marietta Ohio Council 478
 6. Grade 6 Cali Herbert Fairfield Ohio Council 8115
 7. Grade 8 Luciana Barsotti Troy Ohio Council 3873
 - ii. Please provide more details when reporting you Family of the Year to the state
 - a. Provide as much details as possible on what the family does for the council, parish and community
 - b. Please provide a picture of the family with the report
 - g. State Public Relations: No Report
 - h. State E-Member Coordinator:
 - i. We are doing much better growing our councils
 - i. Hispanic Council Development Coordinator: No Report
 - j. Archdiocese District Deputy Coordinator: No Report
 - k. Archdiocese Growth Coordinator: No Report
 - l. Archdiocese EFF Director: No Report
8. Fourth Degree Hennepin Province
 - a. Ohio District 2 Archdiocese Chief of Staff:
 - i. On March 28th the District will be hosting a 4th degree Exemplification for the Novice only at St. Gertrude.
9. District Deputy Reports
 - a. District Deputy # 5: No Report
 - b. District Deputy # 6:

- i. (4424/5129/12912) The 50/50 raffle to off set the cost of materials needed to do Wall Panel Build for Habitat For Humanity went so well they are just \$200 short of the \$8,000 need to do the project.
 - c. District Deputy # 7:
 - i. During recent recruitment drive Council 15645 (Holy Angels parish) was able to recruited an individual from University of Dayton
 - ii. There are many opportunities to take care of our poor un the Dayton area
 - 1. Local Councils should look into the different ways and pick an area to donate their time, good or money too
 - iii. Elizabeth New Life Center is having their Vision Dinner on April 16th and 17th.
 - 1. Dinner will be held at The Eichelberger Pavillon Carillon Park
 - 2. Reception start at 5:45pm and Dinner at 6:15pm both days
 - 3. For more information on to register see DD 7 or SK Ed Ponder
 - d. District Deputy # 8:
 - i. District 8 will be having their Free Throw Contest on Saturday February 21st
 - e. District Deputy # 9: No Report
 - f. District Deputy #10:
 - i. Archdiocese Regional Free Throw Contest will be Sunday February 22nd
 - ii. Currently has the Pilgrim ICON
 - 1. To get council's excited about hosting the ICON he brought to each of his council's meeting
 - iii. SOS Campaign final turn in for this Fraternal Year is March 15th
10. Unfinished Business: No Report
11. Old Business: No Report
12. New Business:
 - a. A motion made to donate the \$200 need for the Councils 4424, 5129, 12912 with their Habitat Wall Panel Build. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously
13. Council Announcements:

Please note: Comments should be limited to Council events that are coming up in which Chapter Members can support and attend. It is not necessary to speak about a Hot Dog/Hamburger Dinner and how many hot dogs/ hamburgers were sold UNLESS it was a great event in which a fantastic amount of money was raised for various charities. This then would be a learning experience for other Councils to try if they wanted a successful fund-raising event. Please keep Council News Concise & Brief

 - a. (4424/5129/12912) All 3 councils from Saint Gabriel Family of Parishes will be doing Wall Panel Build for Habitat For Humanity on 17 & 18 April (See Attached Flyer)
 - b. (4587/14400/14882) Bishop Leibold School- Will be hosting a Fish Fry on 27 February (see Attached Fliers)
 - c. (3754) St. Paul-Will be hosting a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. \$15 a plate. Pick-Up will be conducted by Drive Thru.
14. Assembly Announcements: No Report
15. Assistant General Agent Remarks: No Report
16. State Deputy Remarks:
 - a. He very excited for this year' s Super Cash Bonanza
 - i. During Road Show PSD Gary Eckstein gave a great presentation on how councils can maximize their rebates
 - ii. First Turn In is 1 April
 - b. In Growth we are at 50% of Archdiocese goal and 58% of our State wide goal

- i. We on projection to reach Pinnacle Award from Supreme
 - ii. Last time Ohio State received Pinnacle Award was 2007-08
 - c. We are seeing success utilizing the Brandon Chambers process across the Archdiocese
 - i. See your Field Agent for process and materials.
 - d. Make sure your stay informed on the latest Insurance products offered by Knights of Columbus
 - i. Some benefits have changed in the last few years and you need to stay informed
- 17. Guest Speaker:
 - a. Noel Nieto presented on how to utilize Ohio's SGO Tax Credit for local Catholic schools.
 - i. You can donate to your qualify catholic school and receive a dollar for dollar tax credit.
 - ii. Please help get the word out to your council so Knights can take advantage of this program if they wish to do so
 - iii. See attached flyer for St. Gertrude and donation stats for more information
- 18. Good of the Order: Chapter President Vic Lauterbach asked for a report of brothers of the Order, who are sick or in distress. He then repeated aloud the prayer requests from this meeting's attendees.
- 19. Concluding Remarks: No Report
- 20. Following a closing prayer Chapter President Vic Lauterbach adjourned at 8:52 pm the February regular business meeting of the Greater Dayton Chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectively submitted,

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SK Jeremy Begines, DD, PGK
Secretary, Greater Dayton Chapter of the Knights of Columbus



2026 FISH FRY

HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday **27** 6:30 PM
FEBRUARY
St. Henry PAC



St. John Paul II
Parish Family

INCLUDES ST HENRY, ST MARY OF THE
ASSUMPTION AND OUR LADY OF GOOD
HOPE- OVER 3,500 FAMILIES!



All net proceeds go to Bishop Leibold
School, the Marie Manning
Scholarship Fund, and
St Vincent de Paul.

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TITLE SPONSOR- \$5,000

- ONLY ONE TITLE SPONSOR
- RESERVED TABLE FOR TEN WITH FOOD DELIVERED TO TABLE
- COMPLIMENTARY BEER, WINE, SODA AND WATER
- PROMINENT NAME AND LOGO RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT

PLATINUM- \$1,000

- FOUR CARRY OUT OR DINE IN TICKETS
- EIGHT BEER AND WINE TICKETS
- NAME AND LOGO RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT

GOLD- \$500

- TWO CARRY OUT OR DINE IN TICKETS
- FOUR BEER AND WINE TICKETS
- NAME AND LOGO RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT

SILVER- \$250

- TWO CARRY OUT OR DINE IN TICKETS
- NAME AND LOGO RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT

BRONZE/FAMILY- \$125

- TWO CARRY OUT OR DINE IN TICKETS
- NAME RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT

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Friday **27** 6:30 PM
FEBRUARY
St. Henry PAC

Join us for live music, games of chance, auction items, **Famous Hecht Family Fish**, and more! 21+ event only. Tickets are \$20 for dine in advance purchase, \$25 at the door and \$15 for carryout. Carryout runs 4:30-6:00 PM. Purchase Tickets online or after Masses on Feb. 14-15 and 21-22. **Purchase tickets online using the link or QR code below!**

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Parish Family



Host Committee

Mike and Sue Berger Mike and Debbie Nieport
Jim and Tami Kueterman Jeff and Melanie Ingalls
David Johnston

Rebekah Hagan is one of today's most passionate and relatable voices on the topics of unplanned pregnancy, abortion pill reversal, and faith-based pro-life advocacy.

Raised in a Christian home where abortion was never discussed, Rebekah's role in the pro-life movement was unplanned, fueled instead by firsthand experience. She shares the story of her experience with a chemical abortion, a radical change of heart, and the second chance she found through abortion pill reversal.

For nearly 10 years, Rebekah Hagan has been speaking across the country, passionately sharing her story and helping others grasp the mindset behind abortion decisions - and the life-saving power of the pregnancy resource movement.



GUEST SPEAKER
Rebekah Hagan

ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE CENTER

requests the pleasure of your company
as our guest for dinner.

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Vision Dinner


Thursday, April 16, 2026
Friday, April 17, 2026

RECEPTION - 5:45 pm DINNER - 6:15 pm

The Eichelberger Pavilion, Carillon Park
1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH 45409

Because seating is limited, reservations are required.
Adults only, please. An opportunity for a financial faith promise
investment will be provided. Free parking available.

CHOOSE HOW YOU REGISTER

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- 1 Visit - enclife/dayton-dinner
 - 2 Contact Lori Ernest at L Ernest@enclife
 - 3 Return the enclosed card



Stats for Gifts recorded in Jul-Dec 2025

Overall Stats for This Period	Amount Contributed	# of Gifts
High Schools (20 schools)	\$902,745	1,370
Elementary Schools (83 schools)	\$845,590	1,233
Combo HS/Elem (3 schools)	\$43,475	66
Greatest Need (no school selected)	\$30,500	50
Total for This Period (106 schools)	\$1,822,310	2,719

High Schools That Received Contributions Totaling >\$30,000 in This Period	Amount Contributed	# of Gifts
Elder High School (Cincinnati)	\$135,520	195
Moeller High School (Cincinnati)	\$130,325	200
LaSalle High School (Cincinnati)	\$110,875	170
Roger Bacon High School (Cincinnati)	\$94,550	138
Archbishop McNicholas High School (Cincinnati)	\$71,450	105
Archbishop Carroll High School (Dayton)	\$55,200	90
Mercy McAuley High School (Cincinnati)	\$48,650	80
Badin High School (Hamilton)	\$34,500	47
Archbishop Alter High School (Kettering)	\$33,850	48
Purcell Marian High School (Cincinnati)	\$31,450	52

Elementary Schools That Received Contributions Totaling >\$20,000 in This Period	Amount Contributed	# of Gifts
St. Gertrude School (Cincinnati)	\$55,100.00	82
St. Ignatius School (Cincinnati)	\$46,570.00	70
St. Cecilia School (Cincinnati)	\$46,220.00	69
Incarnation School (Centerville)	\$40,550.00	57
The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori (Cincinnati)	\$38,475.00	56
St. James the Greater School (White Oak)	\$38,275.00	56
Bishop Leibold Consolidated (East and West) (Miamisburg)	\$33,750.00	49
St. Mary School (Hyde Park)	\$32,000.00	44
St. Ursula Villa (Cincinnati)	\$31,250.00	39
Guardian Angels School (Cincinnati)	\$31,250.00	44
St. Vincent Ferrer School (Cincinnati)	\$22,000.00	33
Our Lady of Victory School (Cincinnati)	\$21,650.00	31

Support St. Gertrude School Through Ohio's SGO Tax Credit

Catholic education at St. Gertrude School is made possible, in part, through the generosity of donors who believe families should have access to an academically rigorous, faith-filled education—regardless of financial circumstance.

WHY DONATE USING THE SGO TAX CREDIT?

By donating to St Gertrude School using the SGO Tax Credit, you can support St. Gertrude School students while receiving a dollar-for-dollar Ohio state income tax credit. The donation is no cost to you.

Eligible Ohio taxpayers may contribute:

- Up to **\$750** as an individual
- Up to **\$1,500** for married couples filing jointly

SGO contributions provide a strategic, no-cost opportunity to support the mission of St. Gertrude while directly reducing your Ohio state tax liability. Gifts strengthen the school—even for families without children enrolled—offering a tangible way for the parish community to exercise unified stewardship over its largest ministry. This program allows families to direct their Ohio tax dollars to a mission that aligns with their values, making each gift both impactful and financially prudent in support of Catholic education.

HOW TO GIVE

An SGO contribution is an investment in the formation of the young minds and hearts of our parish community. Your generosity helps ensure St. Gertrude School remains accessible to families today and faithful to its mission for generations to come.

Gifts may be made:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's secure SGO portal.
- By check, using the Archdiocese's downloadable SGO donation form.
- Be sure to designate St. Gertrude School so your gift directly benefits our students.

An SGO gift is an investment in faith, formation, and the future of SGS. Scan the code to make a difference today!

Questions? Please contact Don Regan at businessmanager@stgertrude.org for assistance.

