



Knights of Columbus  
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*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

**Minutes for James W. Gibbons Assembly No. 286**  
**Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 12th, 2024**  
**In Person**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Rossiter Hall, Assumption Church, Mater Dei Parish

**RECORDER FOR MEETING:** Joe Cooper, Faithful Scribe

**SIR KNIGHTS PRESENT:** Bill Stattelman, Dennis Mize, Doug Holmes, Jack Figgs, Ray Rodriguez, Pat Winchester, Dave Rose, Doug Dana, Joe Cooper, Tom Lamardi, Mike McLaughlin, Christopher Lovato, Kyle Mead, Fred Gilliland

**KNIGHTS ABSENT:** Thomas Keys, Father Nagle

**KNIGHTS ABSENT BUT EXCUSED:** Dave Rose

The meeting was started for the Faithful Navigator, SK William Stattelman at 7:30 pm.

The opening was conducted by the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Pilot, and Faithful Admiral. The Lord’s Prayer was given by SK Doug Holms in place of the Faithful Friar. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

**Roll Call of Officers:** The Faithful Comptroller called the Roll of Officers.

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Sir Knight Serving</b>	<b>3/12/2024</b>
<b>Faithful Navigator</b>	<b>Tom Keyes</b>	E
<b>Faithful Friar</b>	<b>Fr. Matthew Nagle</b>	E
<b>Faithful Captain</b>	<b>Bill Stattelman</b>	P
<b>Faithful Pilot</b>	<b>Dennis Mize</b>	P
<b>Faithful Admiral</b>	<b>Doug Holmes</b>	P
<b>Faithful Scribe</b>	<b>Joe Cooper</b>	P
<b>Faithful Comptroller</b>	<b>Jack Figgs</b>	P
<b>Faithful Purser</b>	<b>Fred Gilliland</b>	P
<b>Faithful 1 Year Trustee</b>	<b>Ray Rodriguez</b>	P
<b>Faithful 2 Year Trustee</b>	<b>Pat Winchester</b>	P
<b>Faithful 3 Year Trustee</b>	<b>Kyle Mead</b>	P
<b>Faithful Inner Sentinel</b>	<b>Dave Rose</b>	A
<b>Faithful Outer Sentinel</b>		

**Reading of minutes from the previous meeting:** Minutes for the 2/13 meeting were distributed on paper prior to the meeting. There were corrections needed. SK Pat Winchester made a motion approve the minutes as corrected. It was seconded by SK Ray Rodriguez, and the motion was approved with no objections.

**Report of Faithful Friar:** No report.

**Reading of Bills and Communications:** Later in the meeting, voucher was composed and a check written for \$250 to Doug Dana for the VA.

**Report of Faithful Comptroller:** As of 12/12, our membership stands at 273 members, including 12 Honorary, 67 Honorary Life, and 1 exempt. Of this, two knights have passed. Our letterhead for the Assembly was changed with Supreme with updates. One the issue of chalices, one has already been engraved and ready for presentation, one needs to be engraved. Another one can be purchased.

**Report of Faithful Purser:** Taxes filed 2/18. CD 7,386.94 coming due 4/12, 3,245.69 in account (after paying Doug VA). Discussion was held to discussing the investing plan of the CDs. Next one expires 7/23.

**Report of Committees:**

- a. **Hayden Grotto Work:** No report.
- b. **Seminarians:** No report.
- c. **VA:** Spent 234.90 2/19 3/5 games this month. Has 3 knights 2/19 15 vets, 2 on 3/5 11 vets. BINGOs scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays. Distributed Valentines Day Bags and received a request for Easter Baskets .Will put them together 3/29 and deliver on Sat 3/30. Will not move to building 24 for a while and stay in building 4. A \$250 check will be given by the Assembly for the VA.
- d. **Scholarship:** Received one application to date.
- e. **Membership:** No new memberships have come in. Exemplification 4/13 in Lenexa, Holy Trinity.
- f. **Color Corps:** Need help to march in St Patrick's Day Parade. Meet up at 11:00, if you have uniform or suits. There was a discussion on the disposition of the statue of St Patrick and that it should be returned to the Church. Last call out for Ed was well attended. SK Jack Figgs reported that Knights who are interested can be notified via the Remind app or by email. There is a callout for a former Faithful Navigator.
- g. **Capitol Patriot:** No report.
- h. **Supreme:** No report.
- i. **Other Committee reports:** No report.

**Unfinished business:** SK Jack Figg, looked into VENMO, a business account, there is a 1.9% and .10 transaction fee. It would cost about .39 for normal billing. Think this might be worth it to collect dues because it is easier to pay. Pat Winchester made motion to start VENMO for next year's dues. Ray Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New business:** SK Pat Winchester, Color Guard requestion for State Convention.

**Report of Trustees:** The Trustees instructed the Assembly to pay outstanding bills.

### Report of the 3rd Degree:

- a. Council 534, Mother Teresa:** SK Mike McLaughlin
- During a Feb. 24 exemplification ceremony, five candidates joined Council 534. We were joined in the exemplification ceremony by four candidates from Our Lady of Guadalupe.
  - State Life Director Steve Prockish has informed us that the state ultrasound fund will cover the state's half of a new ultrasound machine for Mary's Choices in Topeka. Supreme will cover the other half. Council 534 presented Mary's Choices with two checks of \$1,250 each from a breakfast and from the memorial of a recently departed council member. The money will help purchase a monitor to be used with the ultrasound machine.
  - Our pro-life baby shower generated \$2,083 in baby items for Mary's Choices.
  - Council 534 helped host the regional youth free throw contest at Seaman Middle School on Feb. 11.
  - We held a corporate communion mass the last Sunday in February.
  - Upcoming events include a March 17 breakfast to raise money for Knights of Columbus Scholarships and our Lenten Fish Fry on March 22 with proceeds going to Mary's Choices for equipment and supplies for the new ultrasound machine.
- b) Council 2608, North Topeka:** SK Bill Stattelmann reported held Delta church drive approx. 20 new members. Have breakfast 4/21. Meat raffle put off from 3/19 on 3/20
- c) Council 4254, Most Pure Heart:** SK Dennis Mize reported for SK Frank Natchez, who is out of town until February. He reported that the parish asked the Knights to help parish Five Hearts Gala. Their Free Throw contest will be held on 01/14. They are making plans to attend the Pro-Life Rally in January. The total for the Baby Bottle campaign was \$5,780.56. They will have a breakfast this month. They just had a trash bag sale last weekend. They are working on a meat raffle for seminarians in January.
- d) Council 7769, Osage City:** No report.
- e) Council 8059, Mater Dei:** Chris Lovato reported, 2 Lenten dinners, breakfast this weekend.
- f) Council 8411, Christ the King:** SK Tom added 2 members, 2 Lenten dinners. Judged vocation poster contest. Updated pro-life total 8204. 4/6 delta drive and pot luck dinner.
- g) Council 11240, Perry:** SK Pat Winchester reported they will be having their Fish Fry, normally the Friday before Palm Sunday, serve 4-7. Breakfast Sunday morning.
- h) Council 13012, St. Matthew:** No report
- i) Districts 4:** No report.
- j) Districts 18 & 19:** No report. SK Ray Rodriguez noted that District 18 & 19 State Free Throw contest in Salina, had 4 kids in contest. One received from Topeka 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Will keep reginal in Topeka next year (Seamen)

The assembly raffle was conducted, and there was the winner was SK Doug Dana.

**Good of the Order:**

- Pray for:
  - Father Pilcher
  - Father Nagle
  - SK Pat Baker's wife
  - Sally Gilliland
  - SK Doug Holmes
  - Kathy Barnard
  - Rose Smith
  - Family of SK Ray Rodriguez
  - SK Frank Mersmann
  - SK William Goodwin
  - Ellen Goodwin
  - SK Frank Natchez
  - SK Dan Runnebaum
  - Carol Runnebaum
  - SK Dennis Mize
  - All those suffering in the Middle East
  - The 1,000 children that are missing due the Lahaina Hawaii
  - Our adopted seminarian, Jonathan Fox.
  - Shelly Holms

The meeting was closed by SK Bill Stattelmann at 8:32 pm. It was conducted by the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Pilot, and Faithful Admiral. The Closing Prayers, the Hail Mary & Glory Be was given by SK Chris in place of the Faithful Friar.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
SK Joe Cooper, the Faithful Scribe.