

K of C DRAFT Meeting Minutes for St. Thomas More Council 7121, May 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by DGK Dave Morrison
A quorum of members was determined with 26 members present
The opening prayers were offered by the DGK, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll of officers (P=present, X=excused, A=absent; from attendance sheet)

X Grand Knight – Br. Brian Foy	P Advocate – Br. Chuck Nitsch
X Chaplain – Rev Fr Tim Lindenfelser	P Warden – Br. Steve Barthelmes
P DGK – Br. Dave Morrison	P Inside Guard - Br. Nicky Demato
P Chancellor – Br. Bill Coleman	P Outside Guard – Br. Kevin Kiernan
P Recorder – Br. Frank Merenda	P Trustees – Br. Bill Remy (1st year)
P Financial Secretary – Br. Rick Cozby	P Br. Tom Kelly (2nd year)
P Treasurer – Br. Tim Buckley	P Br. Kevin Dooner (3rd year)
P Lecturer – Br. Jack Jones	

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 23, 2026 were approved as published

Dignitaries/Visitors/New Members Present: Guest: Bob Arenth, from Spuds-Elkton-Armstrong Food Pantry

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

- Nominating committee (Bill Remy) presents the proposed slate of officers for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. The nominations are:

Grand Knight– Dave Morrison	Warden – Steve Barthelmes
Deputy Grand Knight– Bob Meier	Inside Guard – Nicky Demato
Chancellor– Paul Summers	Outside Guard – Kevin Kernan
Recorder– Frank Merenda	Trustee 1 st yr – Brian Foy
Treasurer – Tim Buckley	Trustee 2 nd yr – Bill Remy
Advocate– Chuck Nitsch	Trustee 3 rd yr – Tom Kelly

Appointed Offices: Financial Secretary – Rick Cozby Lecturer – Jack Jones

After three calls for further nominations from the floor and there being none, Advocate Chuck Nitsch moved and Dave Look seconded that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Motion approved.

- A **Corporate Communion** will be held on the 5th Sunday, May 31, at the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Anastasia. Brothers are asked to sit in a group in the pews reserved for us and be recognized.
- **Bob Arenth - Armstrong Food Pantry**-Provides food and clothing to less fortunate including migrant workers. Recipient of Food Drives. Food weekly from Publix and Winn Dixie
- Strategic Planning last two weeks of June.
- St. Gerard Home (teen Moms) - Mike Waldron. \$500 award (diaper pail and charging station)
- Florida State Council convention report - Attended by Dave Morrison and Brian Foy – Saint Thomas More Council 7121, District 16, received the FL KofC Charities TRIPLE CROWN AWARD - 101% OVER GOAL (Helping Life, Vocations & Special Olympics)
- Report on the **Annual Spiritual Retreat** held May 9. Dr. Alex Groppe facilitated, 33 attendees
- New Officer Installation – To be scheduled during last two weeks in July
- Next month's business meeting on June 26 is the **LAST MEETING ON THE 4TH THURSDAY**. Meetings move to **3RD THURSDAY IN JULY, doors open at 6:30, rosary at 7 PM, meeting starts at 7:30 PM.**

FINANCIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Previous balance in Fr. Seamus Scholarship fund was **\$5,768.61**. Interest was \$0.24. The new balance is **\$5,768.85**. The previous balance in the Council checking account was **\$21,046.83**. Income this month was \$141 net proceeds from 40 State raffle books. Expenses included: \$148 Website hosting fee, Donation of \$3,890.62 to the Parish for proceeds from the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, \$1,200 to Dr. Alex Groppe for facilitating our retreat, and \$489.47 for food for the retreat. Expenses totaled \$5,728.09. The new checking account balance is **\$15,459.74**.

Trustees Report: Preparing for the annual audit, due August 15

Membership Committee: Rick Cozby introduces new member Richard Bomhard, who became Catholic this past Easter Vigil. Moved from Virginia six months ago.

Reading of Bills and Communications Received a thank you letter from the parish for our \$600 sponsorship of the parish golf tournament. Received a thank you card from St. Gerard Campus and pictures of our donation of a charging station and stainless steel diaper pails. See attachments

Chancellors Report: The RSVP rebate form 2863 was submitted to Supreme on 5/18/26.

SERVICE PROGRAMS and COMMITTEES:

- **BAR REPORT:** No report
- **MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE** May 16-17 final total of **2150 lbs of food** and **\$5270** in monetary and gift card donations was collected and forwarded to the food pantries, of which \$1945 went to the Homeless Ministry and \$1830 went to St. Francis House. For the fraternal year, **donations over the five food drives totalled 12,650 lb of food and \$34,387 in cash and gift cards**. See attachments. We shut down for the summer, will resume again in September. Please continue to drop off food and homeless ministry items in the St. Martin De Porres room anytime, or go to morethanafooddrive.org, shop online and have your donations delivered directly to the food pantries.
- **SUNDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST:** The May 10 Mother's Day breakfast was as well attended as ever, but when you give out more free breakfasts than are paid for, you do not expect to turn a "profit". The cash box showed 61 paying guests, at least 60 more were FREE. Gross income \$424, expenses \$537, net income -\$113. This will be combined with the June 14 (Flag Day) breakfast and then an end-of-the year report will be presented. This will be Steve Barthelmes' last breakfast. Looking for additional help as Steve steps away and Bob Meier taking over.
- **EVENING OF DANCE:** Final dance of the year was May 23. Gross bar income \$182, \$125 from the 50/50 and \$31 in the tip jar. The balance in the Special Olympics fund for the year is \$1981.50, forwarded to the Financial Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Parish Council is planning a **fall dinner dance as a fundraiser** for the parish on Saturday, Oct 17th, 5 to 9 pm, Celebration Hall. We will be celebrating our newest saint, Carlo Acutis with an Italian theme community event. We are asking if the Knights would be willing to assist with the tending of the bar.
- A mid-year **strategic planning session** needs to be held to better organize remaining plans for the rest of the fraternal year and begin planning a calendar of events for next year, to be scheduled in July

NEW BUSINESS:

- St. Gerard Campus “wish lists” are now posted on morethanafooddrive.org/stgerardcampus, along with a link to the [Catholic Charities “More Than A Food Pantry”](#) page
- Schedule the installation of officers-requires attendance of Father Tim and the Worthy DD
- Tom Kelly would like to make a \$1,000 annual donation to Armstrong Food Pantry to honor Bob Arenth’s services to the Parish. Motion made, seconded by Tim Buckley. After discussion, motion amended to make this a one-time donation and consider budgeted support at the strategic planning meeting; motion passed.
- June 26–Vacation Bible School. Knights to provide sub sandwiches and salads for approximately 200 people. Need volunteers to help. Thursday 11 am, Friday, 8:30 am for Friday lunch.
- Rick Cozby described his visit to New Haven, CT and the Knights of Columbus headquarters and the original church (St Mary’s Church) where Father McGivney lies in State. Rick recommends a visit to New Haven and the Knights founding
- Emmaus 48 hour retreat. Ladies May 29-31, Men at St Anastasia June 5-7

FOURTH DEGREE: No report.

DISTRICT DEPUTY:

LECTURER:

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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Prayers continue to be requested for:

- The Morin Family
- Rose McCaul, Josephine Scher, Latane Donelin, Jackie O’Sullivan, Nelson Jambard, Dennis Tucker’s daughter Brittni, Jim McIlhenney, Pat Petrick, and Ed Schneider.
- Susan Coleman had a redo surgery as the first surgery was not successful.
- Brother Ed Rice has been moved from the Ponce to live with family
- Dani Buckley, daughter of Tim and Diane Buckley, better but still in distress
- Marilyn O’Connell, preparing for another surgery
- Bob Covell fell and tore muscles in his legs
- Susan Batowski is at Mayo Clinic and to be operated on soon, after 11 days in Flagler Hospital

4th Degree:

- 5/19: Please keep my dad, Allen McCaffery II, in your prayers. He is currently in the ER, after some difficulties with his heart rate. He is being admitted to monitor things and possibly move up a heart ablation which was scheduled for the end of June. Still awaiting the final word on that. Fr. Bernadine has already been in to visit him and give him the Anointing of the Sick. SK A. J. McCaffery III Update: Now home from hospital

Closing Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

Submitted by: *Frank Merenda*, Recorder

Approved by the members on June 26, 2026 per the Grand Knight.

Attested by *Frank Merenda*, Recorder

TREASURER'S REPORT:

COUNCIL 7121 TREASURER'S REPORT			5/28/2026
<u>Father Seamus O'Flynn Scholarship Fund Savings Account</u>			
Previous Balance 3/26/2026			\$5,768.61
Income			
Interest 4/30/2026	\$0.24		
Subtotal Income			\$0.24
Expenses			
Subtotal Expenses			\$0.00
Ledger balance as of 5/28/2026			\$5,768.85
<u>Council 7121 Checking Account</u>			
Previous Balance 4/23/2026			\$ 21,046.83
Income			
Net Proceeds from State Raffle	\$141.00		
Subtotal income			\$141.00
Expenses			
Reimburse Dave Look for Website Cost	\$148.00		
Donations to Parish for St. Patrick's Dinner Proceeds	\$3,890.62		
Dr. Alex Groppe for Retreat Facilitation	\$1,200.00		
Deacon Steve Kassebaum	\$489.47		
Subtotal expenses			\$ 5,728.09
Ledger balance as of 4/23/2026			\$ 15,459.74

ATTACHMENTS:

Thank you letter from the parish for our \$600 golf tournament hole sponsorship



St. Anastasia Catholic Church

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www.saccfl.org or admin@saccfl.org

4/28/27.
Brian,
Thank you for your continued support of "our" church tower. I would like to play in the KofC tournament this fall, so please forward the info to me.
Sincerely,
Brian Schavon

April 23, 2026

Knights of Columbus
Attn: Brian Foy
5205 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Dear Grand Knight Brian Foy,

Thank you and your Brother Knights for your generous support of the 27th Annual St. Anastasia Catholic Church Golf Tournament. Without your support, we would not have been as successful as we were in raising funds to support all the wonderful services to our communities and the ministries that we provide here at St. Anastasia.

This letter is to recognize that St. Anastasia Catholic Church received your donation of \$600 for a Hole Sponsorship. No services were rendered in exchange for your donation, nor were any purchases made. It was a direct donation on your behalf to our parish.

Thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless you and your family,

Sincerely,

Fr. Timothy Lindenfelser, Pastor

THANK YOU card and communications from St. Gerard Campus



Dear Mike 4-28-20

On behalf of St. Gerard Campus, the staff volunteers, mommas and their babies, we want to thank you for your donation of a stainless steel diaper pail valued at \$70.00 on April 28, 2020.

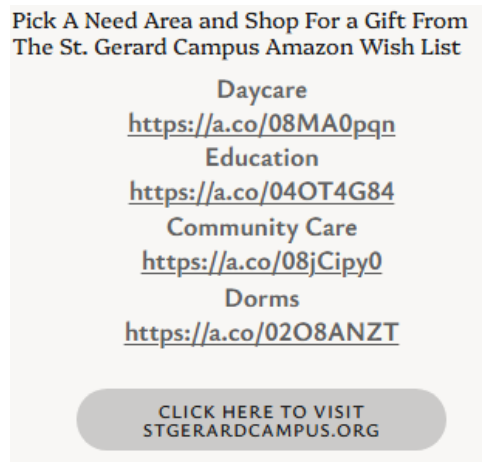
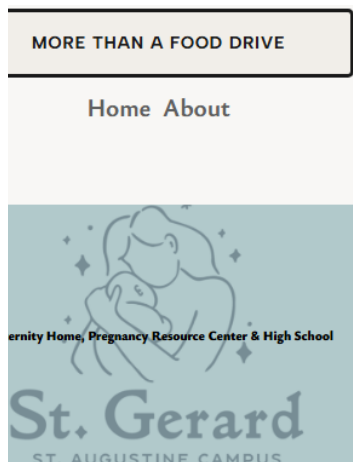
Your support is essential to our mission and will have a meaningful impact on the lives of our girls, babies, and the entire community. Your commitment to our cause is deeply appreciated.

Blessings,
St. Gerard Campus

Below left:- Mike Waldron delivers the box containing the new charging station to SGC and helped set it up (center). Right: our donation of a pair of stainless steel diaper pails were immediately put to good use



The St. Gerard Campus Amazon Wish Lists can now be accessed either directly through stgerardcampus.org or through morethanfooddrive.org/stgerardcampus/



FRATERNAL YEAR MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE SUMMARY TABLE

(Included in Food For Families Report Form 10057 report filed May 21, 2026)

Not included in this total were at least 12 van loads of homeless ministry items

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7121 FOOD DRIVE REPORT			
Fraternal Year 2025-26			
Date	Ministry	Food (lb)	Donations
09/21/25	St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry	500	\$ 675.00
	St. Francis House	600	\$ 1,965.00
	Catholic Charities	600	\$ 880.00
	Homeless Ministry	250	\$ 2,345.00
11/16/25	St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry	1500	\$ 1,315.00
	St. Francis House	750	\$ 3,040.00
	Catholic Charities	1000	\$ 1,710.00
	Homeless Ministry	500	\$ 2,710.00
01/21/26	St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry	600	\$ 995.00
	St. Francis House	500	\$ 2,592.00
	Catholic Charities	420	\$ 1,380.00
	Homeless Ministry	480	\$ 1,675.00
03/16/26	St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry	800	\$ 805.00
	St. Francis House	700	\$ 2,650.00
	Catholic Charities	625	\$ 1,655.00
	Homeless Ministry	675	\$ 2,725.00
05/17/26	St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry	700	\$ 670.00
	St. Francis House	600	\$ 1,830.00
	Catholic Charities	600	\$ 825.00
	Homeless Ministry	250	\$ 1,945.00
	TOTAL	12650	\$34,387.00