

COUNCIL 10138 MEETING MINUTES 8/10/26

Rosary was said before the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 730 pm by Acting Grand Knight Rob.

Membership cards were not checked by the Warden; however, all were identified as members in good standing.

Steve from Missouri Right to Life spoke about the upcoming election and YES on Amendment 3

Asked the council to consider two questions a)what is life b)what is abortion

Life begins at conception the first thing that we do in life is begging to grow from a single cell

To many cells and the cells begging to identify with their different functions.

Some highlights of the development of the baby in the womb

3 weeks first heartbeat

6 weeks brain begins to function

20 weeks mom feels baby move for the first time

40 weeks baby is born

Those who are opposed to life never call the newly formed person a baby or a child. This would give that child a personality and an identity. Abortion is the taking of life. The mother is given two pills. The first pill stops the growth of the baby in the mother's uterus and the second pill helps evacuate the contents of the uterus. Half of all abortions are done by the pill. The ordering of the pill can be done by mail and the doctors don't even need to see the mom. Rapists and sex traffickers are using this pill to keep women tied to them. 2024 Amendment also called the Reproductive Freedom Act passed and this made abortion legal for all 9 months of a pregnancy. No parental consent or health and safety practices for women when they are making a decision. Kids as young as 3 are able to decide on whether or not they want to be a boy or a girl. Women can't sue doctors for malpractice. The state legislature cannot regulate abortion. Minors are able to take drugs that will prevent them from entering puberty. In 2026, we have the opportunity to repeal the Amendment that was passed in 2024. The only exceptions would be in cases of rape and incest and fetal abnormalities.

What can we do as Knights

Join the Missouri Right to Life, yard signs, car magnets, make phone calls, door knocking

Encourage those in your own circle to vote YES on three, pray, pray, pray and get involved.
Don't

Just sit on the sidelines.

Lecturer-A question for the council. What is the leading cause of death? The answer is not heart attacks or car accidents but rather abortion. In the US, 1.1 million surgical abortions are performed. St. Mother Theresa said of abortion that the greatest destroyer of life is abortion and this leads to many other things in our society. Abortion leads to more abortion.

A motion was made to pass the minutes of the previous meeting and passed.

Treasure Report- Beginning balance of \$98,612.03 Credits of \$92.00 from the annual dinner, \$263.50 (per diem by Bruce) \$500.00 (Joseph Millberg donation) \$4.85 (interest earned), \$2,000.00 (bank error on Andre's check #10227). Debits \$8.00 (Midwest Bank Analysis Fee), \$1,000.00 (Catholic Charities Home to Home Disaster Relief), \$376.79 (Knights of Columbus Supreme per Capita dues), \$510.71 (Charles Backer Deaconate Vocations Support), \$209.00 (Gateway Digital Press- Tapped and Uncorked), \$1557.50 (Knights of Columbus State per Capita Dues). Checking balance \$97,510.78. \$62,793.41 Father John Account (Edward Jones) TOTAL \$166,304.18, outstanding checks \$3,177.31. Tapped and Uncorked \$338.36. Owed to Father John \$6,053.36

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT- Jim Hedgecloth has been moved to assisted living room 270 at Crondelet Hall. A budget for the upcoming year was presented to the council and a motion to accept the budget was made and passed.

T SHIRT BOY- We have four hats available and we also have shirts if anyone wants to order them. Please see Matt.

4th Degree- Exemplification is October 24, 2026 at St. Clare of Assisi.

INSURANCE AGENT- the requirements of Star Council have changed. Now, the insurance agent has to meet with 10% of the associate members of the council.

FISH FRY-ERIC TREPTOW-the ceiling tiles are all completed and the security installation is progressing

TAPPED AND UNCORKED- MIKE KURKOWSKI- Yard signs are available. If you know of a business that would like to donate, give them a business card, purchase your tickets, volunteer for the event and consider being a sponsor.

COMMUNICATIONS- Defenders of Life sent a request. VA association thanked us for our donation to Them. Kennerick Seminary sent a request for a donation for their auction. Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life requested a donation for their upcoming event. Thank you note to the council.

CHANCELLOR-MIKE AMAD- The White House retreat is September 17-september 20. Please see Chris Nelms if you are interested in attending the retreat. There are three spots left and August 3rd is the deadline for us to get our count. Our next 5th Sunday mass is Sunday August 30 at 9am. We are still in need of 2-3 extraordinary ministers, honor guard. Please visit the website to sign up. The Beautification of Archbishop Sheehan is September 24th at the Dome at America's Center.

DD REPORT October 25, 2026 the district is hosting a Rosary at the Arnold Council at 6pm. This is going to be followed by the showing of Unplanned. This is being used to have a discussion about Amendment 3. Rock n Roll Bingo presented by the Arnold Ladies Auxillary is Sept 18 and all of the proceeds are going to help build a SafeBox in the Arnold area. The council was presented with the DD Excellence Award. Our Worthy State Deputy Lucas Volkman was a Lector at one of the masses at the Supreme convention. Section 126 of the Knights of Columbus constitution was changed at the Supreme convention. The Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Chancellor and Board of Trustees are not elected anymore. The board of trustees goes from three down to one. Section 128 was changed to state that the

Financial Secretary will no longer be appointed by the Supreme Knight rather he is to be elected by the council.

Grand Knight- visit the website for food sign ups and to volunteer for activities throughout the council
The ladies ACTS is 9-24 to 9-27. A motion for the council to donate \$5,000.00 towards the cost of the Arnold Safebox was made and passed. A raffle by the Rolla council to send Three people to Vatican was presented. The beautification of Archbishop Fulton Sheehan is September 24th at the TWA Dome aka America's Center. Sign up to be a part of Tapped and Uncorked general admission tickets are now on sale.

Good of the order – Prayers for Mary Jo Amad, Mary Ann Blowers, Patti Cruthis, Will Davis, Jackie Duffey, Rick Elder, Ernie Frost, John Gassner, Ralph Glaza, Paul Goldak, Jim Hedgecloth, Chad Keeven, Ken Keeven, Bill Mantia, Rich Mantia, Tom Mantia, Sam McFarland, Steve McMullen, Msgrj(Jovanovic), Angela Mueller, Karen Mueller, Sean Rieke, Megan Rieke Donna Schlake, Tom Teschner, Ray Vent Trevor Wie, Rob Wodecker, and Bob Zaitz. Also, please pray for Brian Vent son of Ray Vent who recently passed away, 'World Peace, Renewal of Marriage and Family Life, End of Abortion, For a Pro Life Society, Father Michael Murphy and Father Ron Hopmeir(our priests).

Meeting closed with a prayer by Father Murphy to end Abortion was 1 Our Father, 3 Hailmarys and the prayer before meals.

Respectfully submitted by Sean Rieke Recorder