

Saint Therese Knights of Columbus Meeting Minutes May 2025

The Tuesday May Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm. All Officers were in attendance except for the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Lecturer, Warden, Outside Guard and the Two-Year Trustee. All absences were excused.

Faithful Navigator Frank Bio will be conducting the meeting in the Grand Knights absence.

- ❖ The Recorder noted that all present were credentialed.
- ❖ The Brother Bob Smith led the Council in the opening prayer
- ❖ Faithful Navigator Frank Bio led the Council Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- ❖ The Minutes from the April Council Meeting were approved by motion.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

We have a Knight visiting for the Council for the first time tonight, Brother Bob Guiesippe.

Council Elections are fast approaching. FN Bio reminded us that we all signed up to serve some serve outside meetings, throughout the community. We can all follow Christ by taking the time to serve others, give prayerful thought to serving the council in a leadership role.

Our New Officer Induction Ceremony and Social will be Tuesday, July 2nd watch the website for details.

Reach out to those in our Parish Family on the joy and benefits of being a Knight.

Make an effort to “buddy -up with Knights we don’t often see and get the re-engaged.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER's REPORT:

Brother Phil Ley reported that we \$5,142.23 in our checking account and \$2,051.51 in CDs, with two checks totaling \$519.44 yet to post.

Brother Ley still has a few Council Shirts available for purchase.

NEW APPLICATIONS REVIEW:

No new applicants were presented this evening.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS:

No reported actions this meeting.

CHAPLIN REMARKS:

Brother Bob Smith read the Monthly Message and posed several questions for those present to reflect and comment on.

CHANCELLOR REPORT:

No items reported this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

The FN introduced Shannon Gordon of Lower Cape Fear Life Care.

Shannon provided an overview of the mission, programs and impacts of the non-profit life care efforts here in New Hanover. She discussed Hospital, Assisted Living, Home and end of life services provided as well as their new Veteran support program.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Brother Joe Costy reported:

- The First Communion reception was well attended and much appreciated.
- Mothers Day Flower Distribution was well staffed. Thank you for stepping - up.
- The Sunday May 18 Confirmation Reception schedule is:
Set -Up May 17th (after 5:00 Mass)
Servers arrive by 9:00, we need at least 6
- Parish Farewell Concert Reception, also May 18th
Servers arrive at 3:00pm we need at least 6.

- Our next big event will be our annual SHRIMPAROO. The date supported by Parish Leadership is Saturday, June 14th. Brothers are asked to note this in their planning. We need at least 16 volunteers over 4 days to put this event on. There are tasks that take just an hour and some that take up to 4 hours. Bottom line, there is something for everyone to do. It was noted that there is roughly 50 hours of work in the week before that needs to be covered. Brothers were asked to look at the jobs schedule and commit to helping so that the burden does not fall on just a few.

REPORT OF THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

- Stations Of The Cross at Saint Stan's was an impressive event. Encourage all to put it on your calendars.
- Cape Fear Museum Tour was a great event.
- Honor Guard Uniform Reimbursement (½ the cost) still available. See the Assembly Website for more information.
- 2025 Scholarship Applications due in soon. This benefits local high school students going on the further education.
- 4th Degree Nomination Committee are working on election slates.
- The Honor Flight to Washington DC (with two Knights on Board) Welcome Home saw good strong support.
- The 4th Degree Assembly will meet next Tuesday. See the website for details.
- PASSING OF THE COLORS was held at Saint Mary's and will be held next Tuesday at Saint Mark

DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS:

The District Deputy was attending another Council Meeting, and no remarks were provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Tom Rice Road Clean-up was completed with three Brothers carrying us .

NEW BUSINESS:

FN Bio reported that Nominations for several Council Officer Positions remain open. The vacant positions this coming term are:

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Program Director

He reminded us that “it is all about participation” and that each Knight should consider stepping forward by contacting our Nominating Committee comprised of the Trustees and Chancellor.

Brothers are invited to join the Assembly and other Council Members for Bocce Ball every Wednesday at 10:00am in Empie Park.

Council 12885 Officer Installation Ceremony and Social (spouses and families) will be held on July 2nd, Brothers are asked to look at their Calendars and let us know at the next meeting if this works with their holiday plans.

CHAPLINS CHALLENGE:

There was no recitation at this meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

FN Bio Thanked all the Officers who served us so well over the last term and those who have stepped forward to serve the next term.

Our next Council Meeting is June 10th. Voting for Officers will be the main event

ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST:

The Deputy Grand Knight's Family. Valarie is facing some surgical procedures in the near future.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Led by Brother Bob Smith.

MEETING GAVELED TO A CLOSE AT 7:22pm

A Dinner Meal prepared by JoeCosty and fellowship enjoyed by all