

**Saint Therese Church  
Knights of Columbus Council 12885  
Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2025**

Call to Order by Grand Knight Frank A Bio at 6:30 pm. All officers were in attendance except for the Chaplain, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Third Year Trustee, and the First Year Trustee. All absences were excused.

- The Recorder noted that all present were credentialed.
- The Opening prayer was offered and led by Deacon George Keenan.
- GK Frank A Bio led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- The Minutes of the July Council Meeting were approved by motion.

#### CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Bro. Bob Smith, Lecturer, read the monthly challenge from the Supreme Chaplain to honor the founder of the Knights of Columbus, the Blessed Father Michael McGivney, by celebrating his Feast Day on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and to pray the Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney.

#### GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

GK Frank A Bio welcomed the Council members and requested that they sign in on the meeting attendance sheet. All members were encouraged to log into the Council's website to follow the calendar of events and other important information. [KofC12885.org](http://KofC12885.org)

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council's Financial Report was presented by Bro. Phil Ley, Treasurer and Bro. Paul Johnson, Financial Secretary. Details of the report are available and can be requested through either the Faithful Comptroller or Faithful Purser.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bro. Tom Brady discussed the upcoming recruitment drive/invitation to join for new members. The membership drive will be held over the weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, during all three Masses. A brief presentation about the Knights of Columbus will be given during the service and a reception after the service will be held to answer questions and distribute informational cards about new members will be provided and collected. As many Knights as possible are requested to attend these services, wearing their Knights shirts/membership IDs to show brotherhood and unity to the organization.

#### PROGRAMS REPORT

Program Director, Bro. Joe Costy announced the Fall Shrimparoo fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Ticket Sales will be conducted on the two weekends before the event before and after each Mass. We will have the luxury of having a tent covering the Parish Hall Patio that was utilized by the Priest Retreat Week from September 15 through September 19. The support and assistance of all Council members are needed to make this a successful event.

#### FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

GK Frank A Bio advised the Council that all information and news about the Fourth Degree Assembly #2017 can be accessed through our Council's Website or by logging into [KofC2017.org](http://KofC2017.org).

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The 2025 Deanery Scholarships were recently reviewed and awarded to three college-bound Students. The first-place recipient was Lucy Congema from the St. Therese Church, and the second-place recipient was Parker Gosselink, also from the St. Therese Church Parish.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Council received a nice note of gratitude and a \$100.00 donation from the Tyzner family for assisting with a reception following the funeral Mass for Bro. Jim Tyzner.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A very productive executive meeting was held before this general meeting, with many new activities, new ideas, and upcoming events discussed.

- > There will be a Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux on Wednesday, October 01, 2025. A catered reception will immediately follow in the Parish Hall. This Council is asked to assist with distributing beverages. Volunteers needed.
- > Father Bill is looking to recruit and train some new Altar Servers from families in the Parish.
- Copies of the current Council By-Laws to be sent to the membership by GK Frank A Bio for review and suggestions for updates if needed.
- In conjunction with the new member recruitment and current members, Br. Bob Smith is developing a plan for a variety of new group faith programs and inspirational activities.
- Additional help is needed to unload truckloads of donated food at the St. Joseph Church food bank in Burgaw. The food is delivered on the third Tuesday of each month at Approximately 10:45 am.
- > District Deputy 1, Robert Hack, will be taking a leave of absence from his duties following recent medical complications. Worthy Deputy Gene Ziemba will serve as District Deputy 1 in his absence.
- With the permission of the Church, this Council is investigating the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) as well as Cardio-pulmonary classes for St. Therese parishioners. This training and medical equipment could provide lifesaving support in the case of a cardiac incident. Additional information regarding the type and cost of the AED and training is being investigated. The funding could be covered through any fundraising event with the approval of the Council.

**BROTHERS IN NEED**

Healing prayers are requested for Bro. John Moody and District Deputy Robert Hack.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Establishing a committee to give recognition to a Parish "Family of the Month" and a "Knight of the Month"

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**CLOSING PRAYER**

Led by Deacon George Keenan

The meeting was gaveled to a close at 7:25 pm.

A dinner meal, provided by GK Frank A Bio, and fellowship enjoyed by all.

Next meeting scheduled for September 9, 2025, starting at 6:30 PM for members and 5:45 PM for the Officers' meeting.

Submitted by Recorder, Roger Wachnicki.