

St. Therese Church
Knights of Columbus Council 12885
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2025

Call to Order by Grand Knight Frank A. Bio at 6:30 pm. All Officers were in attendance except for the Chaplain, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Warden, Inside Guard and Outside Guard. All absences were excused.

- > The Recorder noted that all members present were credentialed.
- > The opening Prayer was offered and led by GK Frank A. Bio.
- > 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 October Council Meeting were approved by motion.

GK Frank A. Bio welcomed all the Council members to the meeting including all the newest Council members, Craig Morehead, Patrick Lecompte, Holden Spain, Greg Marchi, John Andrews, Ralph O'Donnell, Joseph Norris and Steve Venezia. There were a total of nineteen Council members in attendance. In honor of Veterans Day being celebrated this month, GK Frank A. Bio requested that any Veterans present to stand and be recognized.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE / REFLECTION

Bro. Bob Smith, Lecturer, read the monthly challenge from the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, and his reflection on the Gospel for November 16. Lk 21:17-19. Jesus promised his faithful disciples many things - that he will always be with us, that we will receive if we ask, that he would give us rest. He also promised that we would be hated and that we would be persecuted for the sake of his name. We must persevere and remain faithful despite the hardships we suffer for our faith. May we always put into action St. Paul's admonition: "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer". (Rom 12:12) Archbishop Lori challenges us to learn more about the lives of the Saints by selecting one or more martyrs, read about them, then reflect on how you can imitate his or her perseverance and hope. Bro. Bob Smith reflection asks, Have you ever struggled with hope when life has brought challenges? Have you ever experienced bigotry, rejection, hostility or hatred on account of your Catholic faith? What are some concrete ways you can seek to grow in perseverance to face life's difficulties.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

GK Frank A. Bio mention that the Council has received several letters of appreciation for our Council's service to the church, donations made and other community activities. Church Office Manager, Heather McLaren thanked the Council for assisting with the St. Therese Feast Day celebration and luncheon, the Pretty in Pink Organization thanked the Council for a generous donation and Ret. Archbishop Kurtz thanked and made a contribution to the Council for assisting with the moving some furniture from the residence of Ret. Archbishop Bevard who passed away recently. St. Mark's Council 12017 will hold a new member exemplification on Monday, November 24th, In the St. Mark's church chapel. Doors open at 4:30 pm, exemplification to begin at 5:00 pm with brief reception to follow the ceremony.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council's Financial Report was presented by GK Frank A. Bio. Details of the report are available and can be requested through the Faithful Comptroller or the Faithful Treasurer.

PROGRAMS REPORT

The Annual St. Joseph's Pantry Turkey Drive will be taking place before and after each of the Saturday/Sunday Masses on November 15-16. The donations collected will provide Thanksgiving meals to many families in need. Third Year Trustee Bro. John Dwight is organizing the event and Brother Knights are welcomed to assist.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

The Veteran's Day Parade took place on November 8, 2025 and 12 Council Brothers marched. Plans for a 4th Degree Exemplification is in the planning stages with Patriotism as the focus. Items are being collected for "Shoebox for Soldiers. Suggested items include socks, toiletries, gift cards, etc.. On Saturday December 13, the annual Burgaw Christmas Parade will take place starting at 5:30 pm. The Veteran's Support Raffle Drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 18th. Tickets are still available. The National Wreaths. Across America Day will take place on Saturday, December 13 at 12:00. The wreaths will be placed at the Wilmington Memorial Cemetery. Wreaths can be purchased on the 4th Degree website, kofc12017.org. Volunteers are welcome and can assist with the unloading, placing and pickup of the wreaths.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Council's Budget Proposal was posted on the website, kofc12885.org, and reviewed by the members. A motion was made and seconded, to accept the Budget as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A special evening event for the Council members and their wives/ significant others has been organized by Bro. Bob Smith and Bro. Greg Marchi. The "Knight Out with the Ladies" will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday November 19, at 6:00 pm. A "game" format has been planned with refreshments served for a fun-filled evening. Bro. Greg Gausman advised the Council that the final "Tom Rice Road Clean-up" for 2025 will take place on Saturday December 6th at 8:00am. Meet at the Grabowski Building, breakfast afterwards provided by the Council. The Annual Council Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday December 9th at 6 pm, at the South Beach Grill. Menu and sign-up information available on the Council website, kofc12885.org.

BROTHERS IN NEED

Bro. John Moody passed away on November 10, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. Please keep John's family in your prayers.

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BROTHERS IN NEED, cont.

Healing prayers are requested for District Deputy Robert Hack and Fr.Gregory Spencer, Pastor, St. Mark Catholic Church & School.

CLOSING PRAYER

Led by GK Frank A. Bio, Hail Mary, Mary Queen of the Knights, Prayer before meal.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 6:00 pm at the Council Christmas Dinner, South Beach Grill.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

A dinner meal, provided by DGK Frank Weisgerber, a special homemade cake baked by Bro.Peter Sanza and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Recorder, Bro. Roger Wachnicki