

St. Therese Church
Knights of Columbus Council 12885
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026

Call to Order by Grand Knight Frank A. Bio at 6:33 pm. All Officers were in attendance except for the Chaplain, Warden, Outside Guard, Third Year Trustee and Second Year Trustee. All absences were excused. There were 14 members total in attendance.

- > The recorder noted that all members present were credentialed.
- > The opening prayer was offered 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.
- > There was a correction identified and subsequently made in the May 2026 Meeting Minutes whereby Jim Bruno, mentioned in the Brother's in Need paragraph, is in fact a Brother of the K of C. The Minutes of the May Council were approved by motion.

GK Frank A. Bio welcomed all the Council members to the meeting.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE / REFLECTION

Bro. Bob Smith, Lecturer, read the monthly reflection and practical challenge from the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori. The Gospel for June 28. Matthew 10:38, "[W]hoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Our fallen human condition involves a measure of suffering and trials. Our commitment as disciples of Jesus, Scripture tells us, necessarily means taking up our own crosses willingly. God will grant us the strength to endure all trials if we remain faithful, and our suffering can prove redemptive if we accept it and unite it to the passion of Christ. This doesn't mean we can't take steps to alleviate our suffering, but we are called to courageously bear our crosses, even when faced with persecution, and to thereby participate in the saving work of Christ.

Archbishop Lori's challenge this month, is to pray the Devine Mercy Chaplet each day with the intention of uniting your daily sufferings with Christ's passion and in solidarity with all persecuted Christians around the world.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

GK Frank A. Bio reported that he attended and proudly represented Council 12885 at the North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Convention held in Raleigh, N.C. over the weekend of May 15-17, 2026. He was pleased to report that Council 12885 won the State's First Place Award in the "Family Program" category as well as a Special Recognition Plaque for being in the top 20% of all the Knights of Columbus Councils in the State of North Carolina.

GK Frank A. Bio thanked and congratulated all the members for all their contributions, hard work and dedication throughout the year.

GK Frank A. Bio thanked Bro. Richard Clark for having the Council's Original Charter mounted, placed in a new frame and displayed on the wall in the Parish Hall. Bro. Clark was also thanked for his efforts to coordinate the distribution of Mother's Day flowers. Due to a flower delivery issue over that weekend, the Council was reimbursed a portion of the original fees charged.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council's Financial Report, presented by Bro. Phil Ley, Treasurer and Paul Johnson, Financial Secretary. Details of the report are available and can be requested through the Faithful Comptroller or the Faithful Treasurer. The Council has a total of 94 members including 18 life members.

PROGRAMS REPORTS

Bro. Bob Smith, Lecturer, spoke to the Council regarding the Catholic Faith based program he has organized and provided for our members and any men in the Parish wishing to attend. The program follows the "That Man Is You" syllabus whereby a short video is watched and followed by a group discussion of the topic covered.

The next meeting, which lasts about 90 minutes, is scheduled for Thursday June 18, 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Bro. Phil Ley, representing this Council, recently attended a luncheon provided by St. Joseph Church and Food Pantry. The event was a "thank you" to the many volunteers who assist with the weekly distribution of food to the needy families in the area. Volunteers are always welcome and needed on the third Tuesday of each month. According to Bro. Greg Gausman, the next "Tom Rice Memorial" street clean-up is scheduled for this Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 9:15 am. All volunteers are welcome, breakfast will be provided.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

DGK Frank Weisgerber related that the 2026 Deanery Scholarships applications were recently reviewed and awarded to three college-bound High School Seniors. Part of the application process was to research and write an essay on a Saint of your choosing.

The third place winner of a \$2,000 scholarship was Evan C. Lang, a parishioner of St. Therese Church, who will be attending North Carolina State University this Fall. Evan researched and wrote his essay about St. Patrick.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Installation of Officers will occur at the next Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Father William Upah, Chaplain, will be invited.

As part of the installation ceremony, GK Frank A. Bio asked Deacon George Keenan if he could bring his renowned seventy-foot long Rosary, often used at religious functions, for the recitation of the Rosary by the attendees. Deacon George faithfully agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

The topic of “year end” donations was briefly discussed at his meeting. Possible recipients included the St. Joseph Food Pantry and Catholic Charities. The total amount of monies to be donated and deciding on the organizations will be discussed along with the budget for next year by the Officers and Council at a later meeting.

Ideas for interesting speakers/agendas to improve attendance are always welcomed.

The Annual Shrimparoo Fundraiser will take place in September. The event will take place on the weekend following the Priest’s Retreat, actual date to be announced. Tickets will be sold for two weeks prior to the date. The support and assistance of all Council members are needed to make this a successful fund raiser.

BROTHERS / SISTERS IN NEED

Healing Prayers are requested for:

Bro. John Housler and Bro. Dan Alford’s wife, Janet.

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 14, 2026 Installation of Officers 6:30pm

Closing Prayer led by Deacon George Keenan

A light dinner meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Bro. Roger Wachnicki, Recorder